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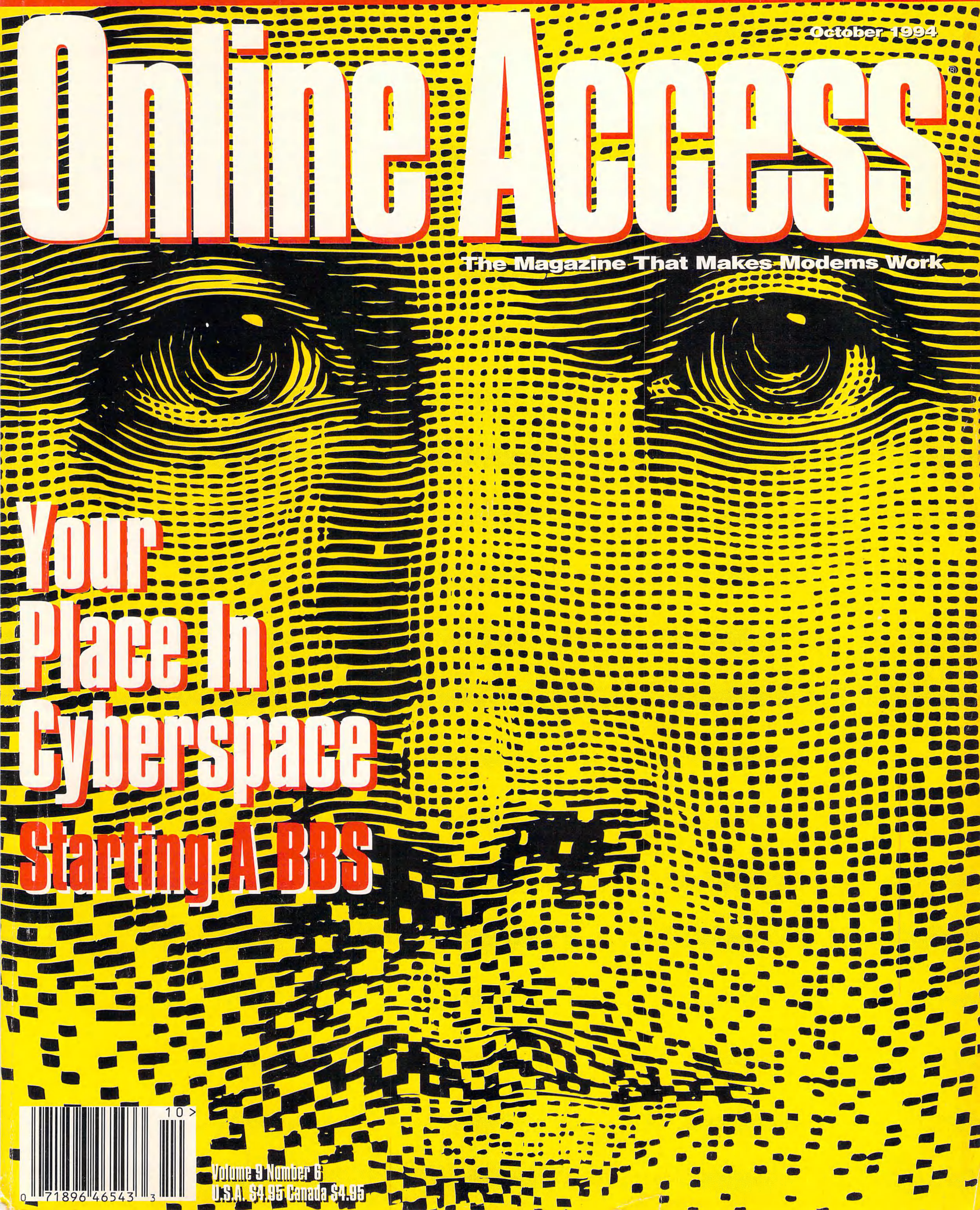

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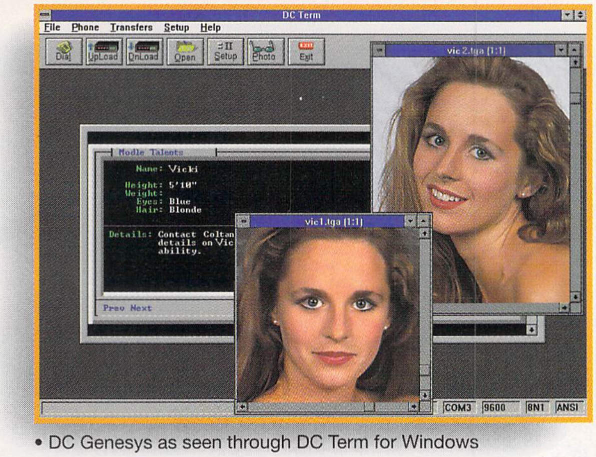

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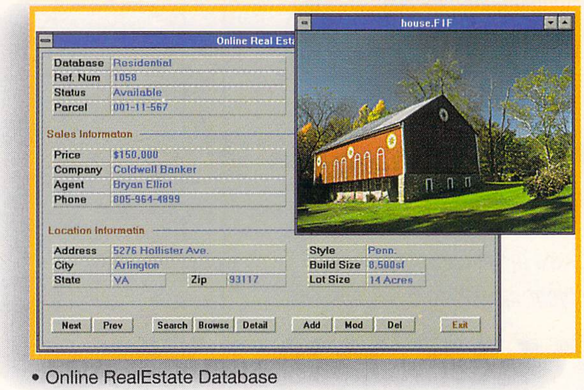

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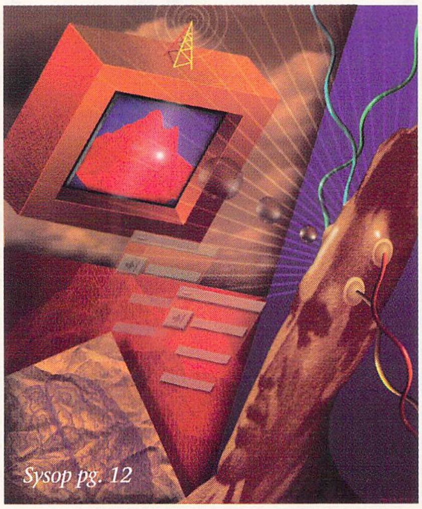

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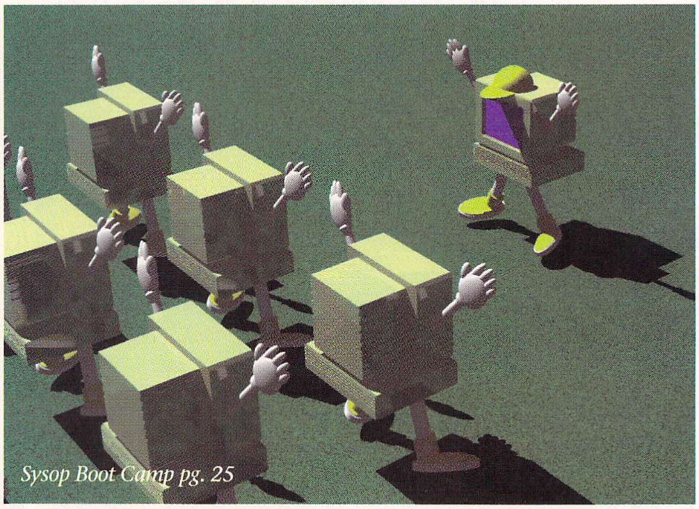

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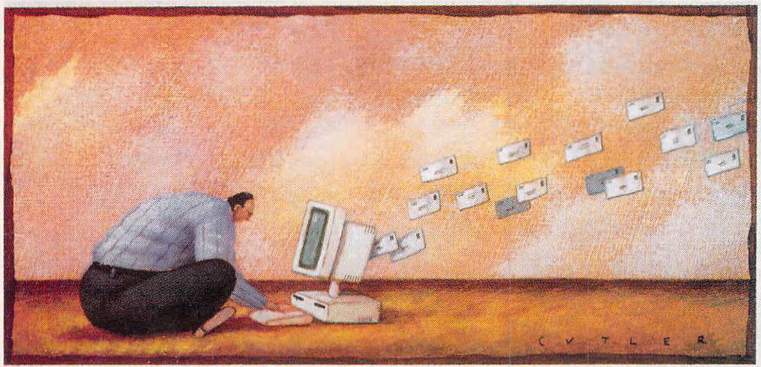

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Editor's Letter

A Place In Cyberspace

Several newspaper reporters have called recently to ask me about the future of bulletin boards. Since all the media hype seems to be focused on the Internet and the well-financed, commercial online services, people want to know if BBSs still have a future. Without hesitation, I answer, "Yes, most definitely."

When I envision the future of the online world, I see a structure that is similar to today's television system. Just as television has the big, national networks (CBS, NBC and ABC), cyberspace's equivalents are the big, national, commercial vendors (CompuServe, America Online, Prodigy, etc.).

Then there are the cable channels like CNN, ESPN and MTV, which carry specialized programming. Their counterparts in cyberspace are the various nodes of the Internet, such as Dartmouth University—home of the electronic Dante Project—and the University of Michigan, which carries an online collection of drawings by Kadinsky.

Finally, you have your local channels and affiliates. These are the stations that offer news and programming that is mostly local in nature. This is the role I believe the general interest BBS will play in cyberspace—local affiliate of the Information Superhighway.

Some might interpret this view as a slam on bulletin boards. But to me, local is good because it brings well-needed diversity to the electronic world. Just as there is a sameness to the television programs on the national networks, there is much similarity in the programming provided by the major online vendors: Each offers its own semi-racy chat rooms, computer forums and many of the same special interest groups.

One of my favorite television shows is a program called *Wild Chicago*, which is broadcast on our local, public television channel. The show highlights interesting and unusual places in Chicago, such as bingo halls and water treatment plants. I like the show because it's about the city in which I live. I doubt if I would be as interested in a show called *Wild Boston*.

So many readers write to us for suggestions on how to start their own bulletin boards. Ultimately, they want to take on CompuServe or America Online. My advice to them is just the opposite: Don't try to be like the big guys—just be yourself, and let your bulletin board take on its own unique character.

And who knows? Small and local beginnings often develop into something big. Television is full of examples of local programming that has gone national. Phil Donahue first broadcast his talk show from Dayton, Ohio. Movie critics Gene Siskel and Roger Ebert started out on a local, public television show.

The focus of this issue is how to establish a place for yourself in cyberspace. Whether it's starting your own BBS or Internet mailing list, **ONLINE ACCESS** wants to encourage everyone who has ever thought of setting up shop—electronically speaking—to get involved. After all, it's you who will bring content and diversity to the online world.

Editor-in-Chief

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9:00 - 9:30: **"Lost In Cyberspace"**
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9:30 - 10:00: **"How to Get the Scoop on Your Competition"**
Edward Pankau *CEO, Intertect, Inc.*
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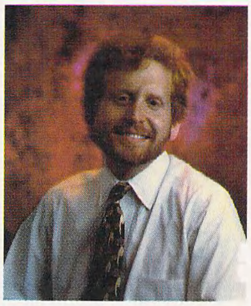

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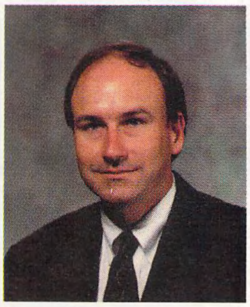

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12:00 - 1:00: Lunch (on your own)

1:00 - 1:30: "Online Business Opportunities"
Lawrence Druth *Manager, Chicago Online.*
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1:00 - 1:30: "Why the Internet *Wants* Your Advertising
Barry Parr *Product Development Manager, Mercury Center.*
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1:30 - 2:00: "Unlocking the Mysteries of the Internet"
John Koleman *Vice President, Notis Systems.*
Personally responsible for the idea and development of WinGopher, John Koleman has single-handedly revolutionalized commercial Internet file transfers for millions of Windows users. Now, he takes you through the numerous (and sometimes "mysterious") options available to you on the Internet, including using Gopher, Archie, Veronica, World Wide Web, Mosaic, news groups and more.

2:00 - 4:00: All exhibits open

Seminars

■ How to Put Your Business on the Internet
With all of the talk about the information superhighway, the burning question for business people today is "How can I get my company online? With all of the options, what and where will be the most profitable place for my business?" Get all the answers to your questions in this session designed especially for the 90's business person.

■ How to Start Your Own BBS
You've explored numerous BBSs, but have you ever wanted to begin one of your own, and just didn't know where to get started? Now you can learn how to set up a BBS, personalized for your business needs. You'll be surprised at just how easy becoming a sysop can be.

■ The Internet: The Basics
Most people have heard about the Internet, but not many people are sure what it's all about. If you're a beginner on the 'Net, or just want to hone your skills online, this is the session to attend. Find out how to ftp and use Internet tools such as Archie, Gopher, WinGopher, Veronica and Telnet. Don't know quite what these mean? Come to Internet Basics and find out!

All conferences will be held from 7:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Speakers and information sessions may vary from city to city and are subject to change.

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New York: Date and location to be announced.

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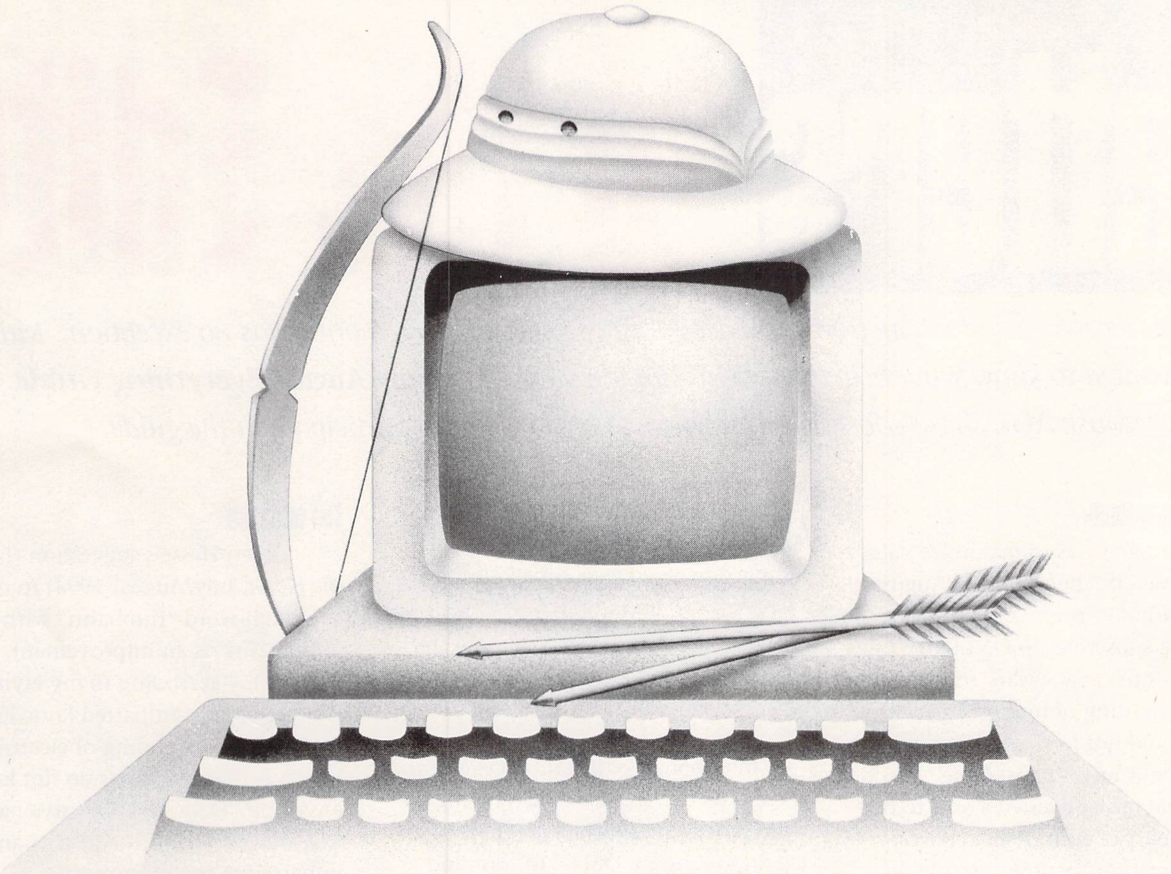

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Letters to the Editor

We always receive lots of letters from America Online users, and this month was no exception. Many AOLers wanted to know why their service was not included in the July/August ***Everything Guide****. The reason is because AOL chose—for the second year in a row—not to participate in the guide.*

The Everything Guide

If your goal was to maximize value for your readers, then the July/August issue would have been very different. I've been a subscriber to **ONLINE ACCESS** for over two years and generally find something of interest in each issue. I could not find anything of use to me in your July/August issue.

I would have preferred a one- to two-page summary of each of the services, with information about how to obtain a more detailed list of services.

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I anxiously opened the **ONLINE ACCESS Everything Guide** hoping that someone had at last gotten a (temporary) handle on the ever-growing world of online services. But a quick perusal of the CompuServe listings—which I had hoped would be complete—indicated major failure on your part.

You list one Macintosh forum. In fact, there are over a dozen, each with 12 to 26 sections. **GO MALL** with only 14 listings? Try it sometime.

And ZiffNet with only one listing? Have you ever looked at ZiffNet or ZiffNet Mac? Twenty-eight forums last time I checked, each with multiple sections and libraries.

I'm quite certain the rest of the issue is similarly flawed, so I won't bother to refer to it.

Dave Millman
millman@netcom.com

AOL Offline

In your article *Online Cheat Sheet (July/August 1994)*, you mention that it is not possible to read e-mail offline using America Online. This is not true at all. Simply download your e-mail during a "flashsession" and read it later at your leisure.

Frances J. Poodry
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In response to the article *Online Cheat Sheet*: You can create e-mail by using a word processing software program. Then log on to America Online to copy and paste into e-mail. The process can be reversed for copying e-mail to the word processor. This will allow you to create/read e-mail offline.

Charles Michael Hanson
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More Local Access

This particular e-mail message did not arrive in your mailbox via the wonderful and massive Internet. This is because of the lack of accessibility that the Internet provides. It is accessible to certain people such as college students, America Online subscribers, and those who can make a local call to access the Internet. This is not possible for many people. I believe that America Online, as well as other services, need to expand and get their access available to more areas.

I live less than 60 miles south of Houston, the fourth largest city in the United States, yet it is cheaper for me to call California than to dial up Houston or Galveston to get an online service. If these services would expand, the Information Superhighway would grow by quite a few lanes.

Michael C. Duran
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The Infobahn

Jurgen Hesse's suggestion (*Letters to the Editor*, July/August 1994) to replace the catch-word "Infobahn" with his "Databahn" is an improvement. Information is—according to my etymological dictionary—imparted knowledge, and my understanding of electronic media is that machines do not know anything. Data, the objective facts themselves, are on the other hand easily imparted to brainless machinery.

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I just read the letter from Jurgen Hesse in the latest **ONLINE ACCESS**. I think that he makes a few good points, though I don't know if the word data really covers television. It does have a nice ring to it, though.

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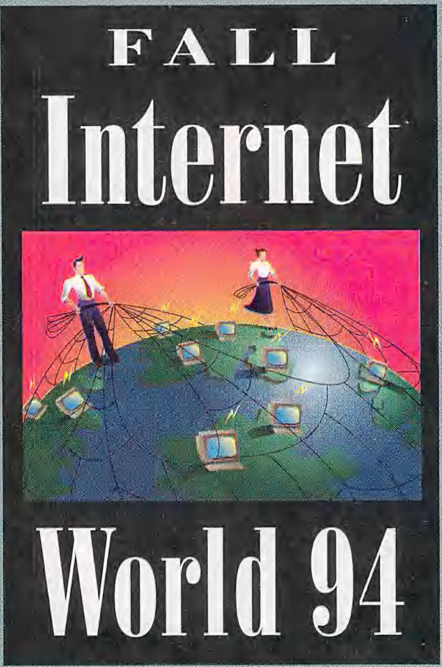

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So You Want to Be a Sysop...

By George V. Hulme

ONLINE ACCESS readers are always asking us for advice on how to start their own bulletin boards. For the straight scoop, we went to six sysops who have all experienced the agony and the ecstasy that goes with starting—and running—your own board.

If you are like many bulletin board users, you may harbor the dream of starting your own BBS. After all, having your own place in cyberspace can give you the opportunity to meet new people on your own ground and bring your unique skills and vision to the online community.

But put aside any notion you may have about a BBS start-up being easy or a part-time endeavor. In fact—according to the sysops we interviewed—plan on many late nights configuring software, installing new games, fixing unexpected hardware failures or answering a mailbox stuffed with e-mail. Also be prepared to come with inexpensive, yet creative, ways to attract new users to your system.

Plan Your Board's Image

According to Ron Brandt, a corporate BBS consultant and co-sysop of DSC BBS (215-443-7390, modem), located near Philadelphia, it's important to carefully plan not only how your system will "look and feel" to callers but also how you're going to organize your service. "It's critical that you figure out who are going to be your users and what you want to offer them. Many sysops don't figure out ahead of time what they want to do with their BBS, and, consequently, they end up with a system that doesn't do anything for anybody."

Adam Viener, sysop of Cyberia BBS in York, Pennsylvania (717-840-1444, modem), agrees: "The first and most important issue that a sysop must face is defining [his] vision." After several years of running a BBS for their enjoyment, Viener and his wife decided to turn their hobby into a business for profit. "There were people making money. . . doing what I really enjoyed. So we decided that if an adult system can pull in $8,000 a day, we might be able to eke out a living doing something we really enjoy."

Once you have a strong sense of what your board will be like and who will be using it, you can begin to research what kind of software you want to use. Kari Raley, sysop of the Leppard Spot BBS, located in Escondido, California, spent nearly six months setting up her board, which runs on a 486DX2/66, 170 MB hard drive and baud rate up to 14.4 Kbps.

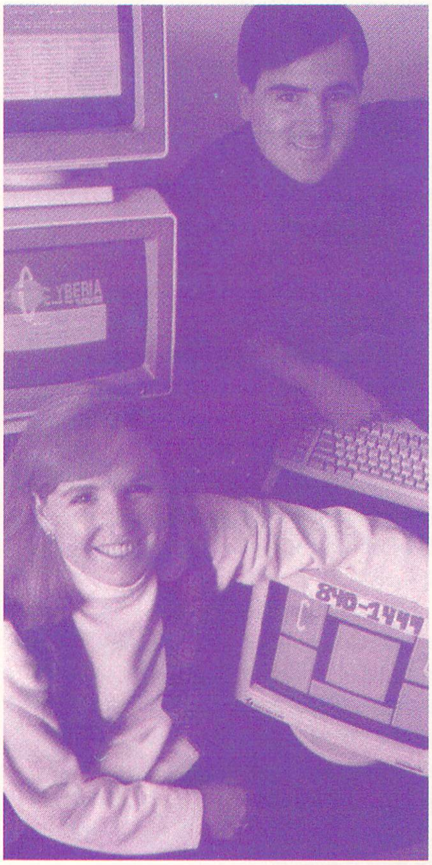
Before Raley thought about starting her own BBS, she was an avid caller of other boards and really enjoyed interacting with people from all over the country. "After awhile I decided that I wanted to create a fun place for my friends to get ahold of me and a way for people to meet new people," she says.

Since Raley didn't have a computer background, she wanted to clearly understand the intricate details of the software that she had selected. Then, before making the board available to the general public, she tested it with a group of friends. She wanted to be sure that the board was nearly perfect before announcing it to the world.

Viener started his BBS nearly six years ago on an IBM 286 with a 60 MB hard drive and a 2400 bps modem. Today, Cyberia runs on a 486DX/33 EISA system with 15 lines using mostly USRobotics Dual Standard modems, with six supporting the new 28.8 Kbps rate. His software of choice is *The Bread Board System* (TBBS) developed by eSoft.

"We did a lot of research finding the BBS software we were going to run," he says. "We wanted to make Cyberia as easy as possible for the new caller coming into cyberspace for the first time." After examining most of the major BBS software available, Viener notes that he "decided only *TBBS* had the built-in flexibility to create a unique online environment that fit into our vision."

Both Viener and Raley agree that it's crucial to choose software that you like using as a caller. "Call a whole bunch of different boards and find out what you like, and get to know the software you enjoy as a user," Raley advises. "I'd say that's about 60% of your battle, because it's so important to feel comfortable with the software you use."



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Adam and Sara Weiner of Cyberia BBS

Spread the Word

After you've defined your vision and selected the appropriate software, your work has just begun! There are many other aspects that must be planned as you launch your BBS. How, for example, will you market and advertise your board?

Many new sysops don't realize that it takes a long time to build a stable user base. Marketing is very important, since letting people know that you're out there is essential.

Raley almost gave up on her BBS because of the lack of callers during the first few months. "There were not as many callers [as] I'd hoped for," she says. "When the system first went up, we had 40 new callers right away. Then things slowed down. I was disappointed. I think new sysops have to understand that when your board is brand new, you're not going to get a whole lot of activity right away. It takes time to get the word out."

Initially, Raley depended solely on word-of-mouth advertising to attract new users. Now she is placing announcements about her BBS on other boards and trying to get on as many BBS lists as possible. She is also considering advertising in a few magazines in her area to drum up new callers.

Sandra Greenwood, founder of AuthorsNet BBS (513-848-4288, modem) in Dayton, Ohio—a board dedicated to serving the needs of writers—has taken a very direct approach in her marketing efforts. "I mainly marketed myself through other boards and BBS lists," she says. Eventually she began putting fliers in the free literature section at her local libraries and sliding business cards into books for writers. Greenwood notes that "the fliers and cards have [really] worked."

Jerry McCarthy brought years of technical experience with him when he started DLS INFONET (303-347-2921, modem), but he admits that he had plenty to learn about promoting his service. Initially, he started leaving messages on other systems but discovered that "some sysops don't seem to believe in competition and don't like you putting your advertisement on their boards. I believe that if you promote the whole industry and bring more people into it, this can only help everyone involved. But not every sysop shares my philosophy."

McCarthy aggressively advertises his board, a *Wildcat* v3.91 BBS running on a 486DX/50 with 2 gigabyte hard drive space and 6 gigabytes of CD-ROM software, on BBS lists and produces fliers which he takes to computer user groups. "The time I spend going to user groups has turned out to be very valuable," he says. "It's powerful when potential users have a flier in their hand with only my number on it." He has also taken out listings in several computer magazines and sent press releases to publications that might be interested in what his system offers.

McCarthy decided against buying an ad in his local Yellow Pages, because he wasn't sure if it would work for a BBS service. He doubted that BBS callers would turn to the Yellow Pages for system numbers. As it turned out, an alternative phone book accidentally listed McCarthy's company under "tanning salons."

Receiving three to four inquiries a week about his "tanning salon," McCarthy says with a laugh, "I don't know why anyone would call a tanning salon named Digital Logic Systems. But they do. I guess advertising in the phone book works after all!"

Expect Headaches

Some of the common headaches sysops endure are the result of hardware and software breakdowns, the occasional rude caller and calls from people who have forgotten their passwords. "I've had my share of headaches including hardware failure and blown memory," notes McCarthy. "When you become a sysop, there's a lot of 4:00 a.m. mornings that come into your life. It can really cut into your sleeping hours."

Unexpected—and often disastrous—problems can strike even if you take precautions and do careful planning. While Raley tried to install a game onto her system, for example, her board crashed. And when she tried to turn the computer back on, the system didn't recognize that her hard drive was there, and nothing loaded. "I thought I lost everything," she recalls. "I was very scared." Apparently, the online game she attempted to install was a Trojan horse (a program that, when called into action, immediately does some form of damage to the system) that altered her computer settings. "Luckily I had a friend who came over and could get the system to recognize the hard drive. After that, everything came up fine."

Sandra Greenwood didn't have much computer experience before launching her board. She started AuthorsNet BBS nearly two years ago on an IBM 286 with a 32 megabyte hard drive and a 2400 bps modem. "I thought 32 MB would be all the hard drive space I'd ever need," she says, laughing.

Within two weeks of going public, she experienced the nightmare of every sysop. "My motherboard died, my power supply fried and my hard drive went to heaven. I ended up having to buy a whole new system." She chose a 386DX/40, 212 MB hard drive and a 14.4 bps modem running *Wildcat* v3.91. "In the beginning you should go with a high speed modem and buy all the hard drive space you can afford," Greenwood advises. Recently, the satellite dish that she uses to receive her FIDO echoes was vandalized, and she wasn't able to communicate with the network for over a week. "Once you get started with a BBS, you have to be prepared for unexpected problems," Greenwood warns. "I sort of weaseled into it a little at a time. Everything I had to learn, I learned as I went along. I really don't know if I would have become involved with this if I had known what was actually involved ahead of time."

Invest Your Time

Launching a new BBS demands an enormous time investment. When setting up DLS INFONET, Jerry McCarthy recalls wanting to get everything perfect from day one. He spent 60 to 80 hours a week in the beginning and says: "What I learned is that it would probably have been better to budget my time over a six-month period. . . I hadn't fully anticipated how much free time this was going to take."

Kari Raley agrees and stresses the importance of investing a lot of time in a new BBS in the very beginning. "Otherwise it's going to be obvious that you don't care about the board. And if you don't care, why should anybody else?"

Sandra Greenwood, founder of AuthorsNet

Once you've launched your new BBS, expect to devote a lot of time to running it. "To run a good system, you should expect to work at it at least four hours a day answering e-mail and configuring and managing files," DSC's Brandt says.

This time estimate applies if all is going well. But "if something goes wrong, you can spend 8 to 12 straight hours sitting at your terminal," notes McCarthy. "I didn't anticipate the amount of free time the BBS was going to take from my life."

The day-to-day operation of maintaining message bases and files can become very time-consuming. McCarthy has relieved his work load by delegating some of the daily operations to co-sysops. "There were people who were bugging me every day and asking if they could get more involved," he remembers. "I started interviewing them and then compensated them with free access for their volunteering to help."

"So far the system works," he says. "I had a file-hound user who was always asking me to organize my file areas, so I asked him if he'd like to help. I have several co-sysops who help with everything from moderating message areas to helping others with the Internet."

Before giving his users some responsibility, McCarthy interviewed each of them by e-mail and asked them for their resumes and references. He also wanted to know their ideas about handling the areas that they were interested in. "The only drawback to this system," McCarthy says, "is that since a co-sysop is a volunteer, many don't stick around as long as I'd like or they hoped because of lifestyle changes such as moving or greater demands from their day jobs."

Investigate Corporate BBS Opportunities

As the use of bulletin board systems catches on, many companies are considering setting up boards to cost-effectively support their products and to communicate with employees on the road. Corporate BBS consultant Pat Pisarski, co-sysop of the Comics, Cards and Collectibles BBS and Personal Connection, both located in Chicago (708-304-9804, modem), suggests that a company considering a corporate BBS should thoroughly think everything through before giving the go-ahead. "A bulletin board, if it's going to be for business, needs a business objective. Are you going to try to turn a profit? What are your system requirements? What is the cost benefit involved? We set up a business plan and completely thought out how we planned to market our board and knew what we could charge."

Brandt sees more and more companies setting up systems in an attempt to increase productivity. However, he offers the following warning: "A corporate BBS can increase productivity. But in some cases, it can become an area to kill time, enabling employees to chat with each other. If not run properly, a BBS can put a big hole in things." Brandt suggests that if chatting can't be totally eliminated, companies should "try to keep the amount of chat time down to all the free time an employee has during the day, like breaks and lunch hour." He adds that "it's a mistake to set up areas that can be easily used to hook to the Internet."

McCarthy's DLS INFONET began as a general interest board but unexpectedly grew into a business venture. "One of my callers who works for Princeton Information came to me asking how to go about setting up a bulletin board for their internal corporate use, and I started to help." After looking at the start-up cost required, the company began to have second thoughts. That's when McCarthy suggested that they use his existing board.

He reconfigured his board so that when Princeton Information employees call, they're automatically referred to the private BBS section where they can get business information and scheduling reports and report back to headquarters the hours they've worked on projects. "The employees don't even know that the public BBS is there," McCarthy says.

Budget Wisely

Starting and running a BBS is a fun hobby, but a hobby that can dig deep—very deep—into your checking account, warns Pisarski. "Everybody thinks all you need is a computer and a phone line. That's true. But once you actually start running the BBS, there will be a lot more software you will have to buy. Plus the cost of adding more phone lines, CD-ROM and high-speed modems and joining a few nets all adds up really fast."

If you already own a computer that you can devote solely to your BBS and you have the software that you'll need, then your costs may be only for an extra phone line. But once you start your BBS venture, plan on spending anywhere from $3,000 to $20,000 on additional equipment, depending on the scope and size of the board that you're planning to run.

No matter what you wind up doing, remember that it's impossible to please everybody. "In the beginning, people called and just expected things to be there and they weren't," says AuthorsNet's Greenwood. "I took a lot of requests from callers and realized that not every caller will be satisfied."

Finally, remember that if you do make the leap from BBS user to owner, there are thousands of other sysops who have undoubtedly been through the trials and tribulations that you're bound to encounter. Wanting to help others in this industry seems to be a prerequisite to becoming a sysop—so don't be surprised if many sysops are eager to help you. **OA**

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Selecting Your BBS

Some Advice for First Timers

By Jack M. Germain

If you're thinking about setting up your own bulletin board system, you have your work cut out for you. Today's software market is burgeoning with programs that offer a myriad of features. Even established sysops looking to expand their systems have a lot to consider. Which package is easy for new sysops to use? What programs allow you to add advanced features as you get more experienced? How much does it cost to set up the software? To help answer these questions, ONLINE ACCESS asked software developers and experienced sysops for their views on what's involved in setting up a system.

Pick a Purpose

The first thing to consider when setting up a bulletin board system is what job you want your board to do. In the early days of telecommunicating, most bulletin boards were operated for fun and offered the same basic services. Users chatted via message threads, and private messages comprised electronic mail. Regular callers exchanged shareware files, and those who wanted access to extensive information paid for a subscription to a commercial service.

Today, bulletin boards are set up for a variety of different reasons. Some sysops try to maintain general purpose, community-oriented BBSs. Such boards—although broad in scope—may have many of the traits found on those systems with a set purpose. Here are the basic types of BBSs:

Community Boards—These systems are the electronic equivalent of the town square. Users post notices of social events, while chat areas provide a sounding board for "citizens" who want to be heard.

Product Support—Major software designers sponsor bulletin boards for local users to access for sales and technical support. Individual shareware authors also establish boards in order to provide technical support and distribute related products and upgrades.

Business Order Lines—Small companies often use bulletin board systems to get a high-tech leg up on their competitors. These businesses usually offer services or product lines.

Information Providers—CompuServe, America Online, Prodigy, Delphi and GEnie may be the best known commercial online services, but they aren't the only players in the online information game. Many sysops offer information access, and some of their boards have a national reach with local access lines located in major cities.

Educational—Local school districts set up bulletin boards for several reasons. Such boards give students, teachers and parents budgetary and classroom information and provide access to networks that focus on educational issues.

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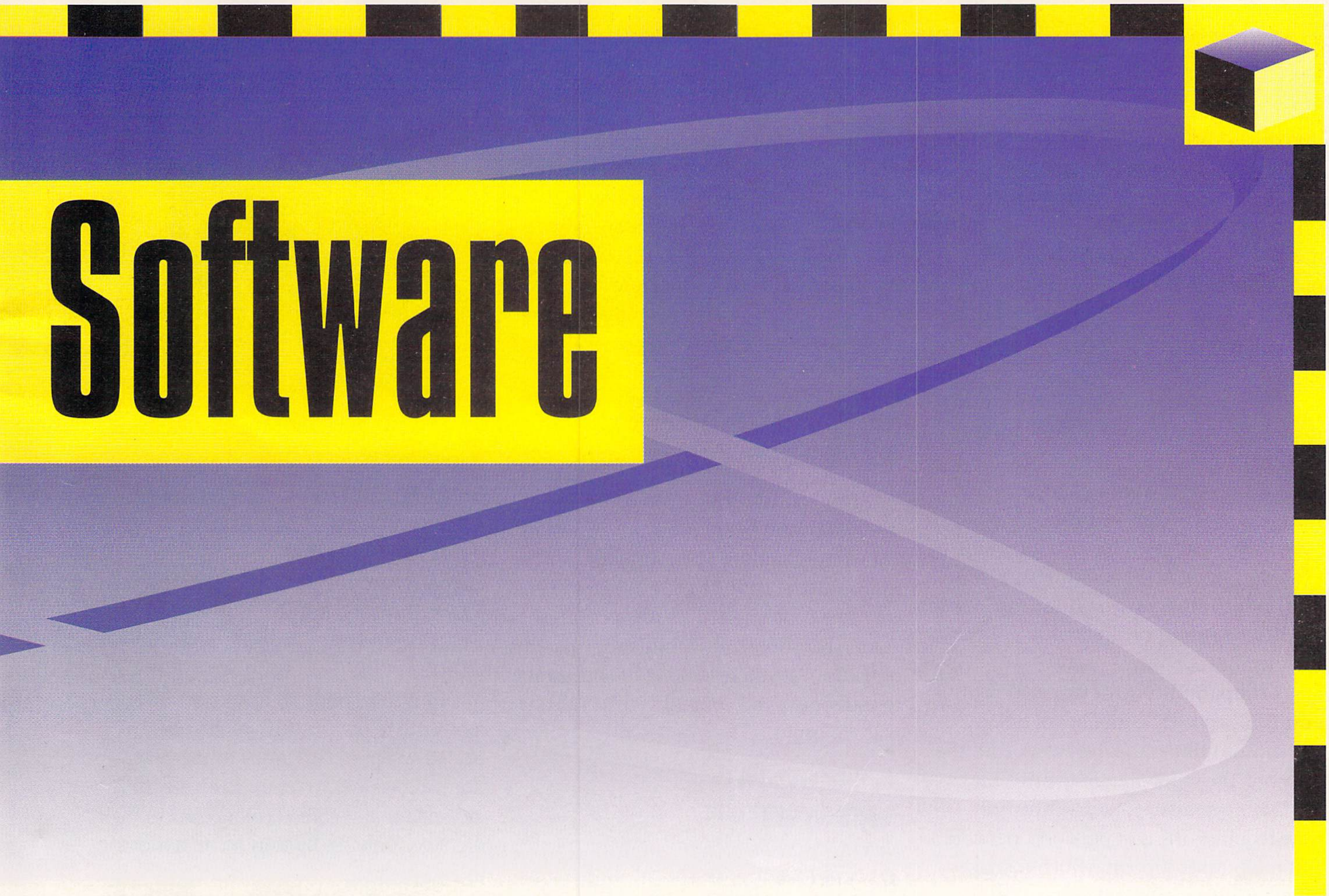

Special Interest Boards—These bulletin boards are as prolific as 900 telephone numbers. Specialty boards cater to a wide variety of users, including adults only, sports fans, and car buffs.

Your BBS software choice will depend on how you want to set up your board and for what purpose. Michael Wagoner, who runs A Byte Of Aloha in Aloha, Oregon, suggests that you answer a key question before deciding which software to use: What is your focus? If you're setting up a chat BBS, for example, you will probably want to look for an easily expandable system that will allow you to add additional phone lines (or nodes). If you're considering a message BBS, Wagoner advises that you pick software with a message base that can handle a lot of conferences and an unlimited number of messages. Similarly, a BBS that serves as a distribution point for shareware requires software that allows for lots of file areas with an enormous number of files under each area.

The BBS software that you ultimately choose can have a profound effect on the types of callers to your board and the frequency with which they will log on. According to Eric Nystrom of The Palace Flophouse and Grill in Gardnerville, Nevada, by choosing the right software and tailoring your system to the needs of your regular callers, you can prevent a lot of user dissatisfaction: "Certain BBS packages, or families, tend to attract certain callers—and sysops, for that matter."

"For the most part you should test drive as many programs as you can," Wagoner advises. "Log onto other boards to get a feel for what they look like before you invest the time to put one together."

Functional Factors

How easy a program is to learn and maintain is a big factor in selecting your BBS software. It's not uncommon to start a bulletin board system with one software package and then change to another one later on. In such cases, shareware products produce big savings for sysops. Before spending money on registering a bulletin board program that looks good in a product brochure, you can see how both you and your users like it. When calling relatively new systems, you will often see a notice on the opening screen, indicating that the sysop is running an unregistered copy of the program.

A second factor to consider with respect to BBS software is how easy it is to upgrade. Wagoner notes that some new programs provide patches that convert most of the old software's information. Being able to import user and file base information keeps the system functioning smoothly during expansion.

Configurability is the third factor in making your bulletin board software decision. Don't expect to go from shrink-wrap to log-on by just typing "install." Configuring the software also means being able to get your system running the way you want it to.

Another factor to consider is the software's list of features. Andrew Milner, president of Wantree Development, says that there is no such thing as an ideal list of features. "The exact feature set requirements will vary from sysop to sysop," he says.

Milner suggests five general features to look for in making your BSS software selection:

Advanced file management—Keyword and description text searches, multiple CD-ROM support, file area grouping.

Messaging facilities—Internet support, compatibility with offline mail readers, header search capabilities, handle/alias support.

Compatibility with external programs (doors)—The number of online and offline utilities that will work with the software, the types of utilities available.

Multi-node capacity—Other software required, the cost per node, network and multitasker support, which management facilities are provided.

Real-time conferencing—The ability to have multiple conferences (channels) and private user-to-user on line contacts.

The fifth factor to consider when sizing up software is performance. According to Alan Bryant, author of *Creating Successful Bulletin Board Systems* and director of marketing for eSoft, Inc. (the developers of *TBBS* software) performance involves two things. One is the software's ability to move data. The other is the drop-off rate. This is determined by how many lines can be supported at the maximum data flow rate before the ratio drops. "Virtually all significant BBS vendors are now beginning to market this specific issue heavily," Bryant says.

Then finally, take a look at the software's architecture. Bryant feels that this factor is largely ignored by new sysops, because they don't understand it. Architecture refers to the use of multi-node versus integrated systems. Multi-node systems need more than one computer in a local area network (LAN) in order to use multiple phone lines. Integrated systems handle everything on a single PC. "This still stumps many potential sysops. In fact, most new sysops don't even know that these two choices exist and frequently make the wrong choice for their needs," Bryant warns. Your architecture choice will also affect how easy and cost-effective expanding your system will be.

BBS Software: What's Out There

ONLINE ACCESS surveyed the following bulletin board programs which are known for their solid performance. While this is not the definitive list of BBS software, we have selected a variety of programs that should fit within a wide range of budgets. If you're looking for a program to start or expand your BBS, this is a good place to begin.

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Ideal for novices, this shareware program allows for quick installation, and a fast menu developer customizes screen menus with little effort. You can run multiple sessions from the same computer. *Powerboard* supports Internet mail with a UUCP driver and also lets you hook into standard electronic mail relays including Fidonet, QWK mail and PCRelay/Postlink.

In addition, the software supports Remote Image Protocol (RIP) graphics. RIP is a fast way to support graphics on dialup modems and is one of the more desired features in BBS software. Configuration is menu-driven, and *Powerboard* is very compatible with many third party add-ons and door packages. The software also has a built-in programming language (PCL).

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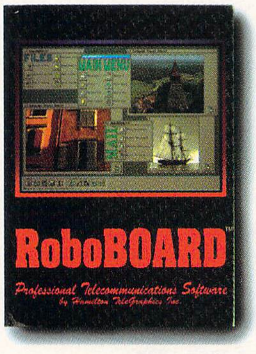
6516 Detroit Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44102
(216) 631-9290, voice; (216) 631-9289, fax; (216) 631-9285, BBS
Price: $99 to $399, depending on the number of nodes

Searchlight is both easy to set up and powerful to use for newcomers and seasoned sysops alike. One of its menu features allows you to set up screens with a text editor and embed color codes to highlight commands. Built-in menu designing is also possible.

Other key features include CD-ROM support, multiple nodes, RIP support, and compatibility with Fidonet and RIME/UTI networks. Especially worth noting is the full-screen user editor, which gives callers full use of cursor and function keys.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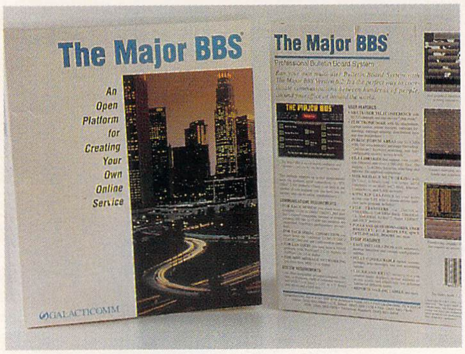
(800) 363-ROBO, voice; (819) 682-7771, BBS
Price: $95 to $400, depending on the version (1-2 line through 255-line)

This software is ideal for business boards as well as for general purpose BBSs. New sysops may have to struggle with setup and configuration, but for those who need a power-packed bulletin board, this software really delivers. (A 250-page, illustrated manual is now available.)

One of *RoboBOARD's* strongest features is its graphical online interface. The software provides WYSIWYG (What-you-see-is-what-you-get) screens as well as ANSI, shows stunning photos and icons and features real-time chat capabilities along with point and shoot features. Separate programs handle screen design, configuration and database management. Especially impressive is the FXdraw design package, which can be used to create system screens, menus and bulletins. Equally strong is the e-mail system. *RoboBOARD* lets you give callers a user-friendly, full-featured messaging system on which they can write, reply, quote, delete, upload and download. The message editor works like a word processor.

There are two levels of chat conferencing. One is sysop to user, and the other is multi-node chat. The latter is a popular feature for large systems.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(305) 583-7808, BBS
Price: $259 for two-user version; $508 for 8 lines; $1,788 for 14 lines.

Galacticomm's latest release, version 6.2, has a graphical user interface based on RIP graphics and makes starting up a BBS nearly painless for new sysops. If maximum user access and speed are your measuring sticks, this is your software. You can expand the system to support up to 256 simultaneous users on a single computer. Screens are intuitive and mouse-driven. Navigation is done with icons, buttons and pop-up dialog boxes.

The software is ideal if you plan on specializing in file downloads, and the system has enhanced compatibility with CD-ROM drives for multi-disk changers. *The Major BBS* copies files before downloading them, allowing more than one user to download from different CD drives at the same time.

If you're planning to run a business board, take note of the "Polls & Questionnaires" feature. This lets you configure branching surveys that give callers various questions based on their replies. You can use this feature for company meetings, customer satisfaction surveys and electronic educational testing. Users can connect via modem, LAN, serial network or (optionally) X.25.

Miniature BBS

Bob Eyer
1100 Bloor Street West, Suite 16
Toronto, Canada M6H 1M8
Price: $25

If you want to set up a BBS but don't want to invest much money or equipment, give *Miniature BBS* a try. At the simplest level, you can run this shareware program with no configuration at all. The software uses very little disk space and generally less than 64K of memory.

You can also run *Miniature BBS* in more sophisticated modes. You will, however, have to spend some time reading the documentation to learn about all of the program's features. The software offers File Management System (FMS), a user/password operation capable of handling as many as 12,000 users, private/public directories, an information services system, an e-mail system, color prompts, event logging, formatted file transfer logging, a chat system, network compatibility and many other features.

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(714) 529-9525, BBS
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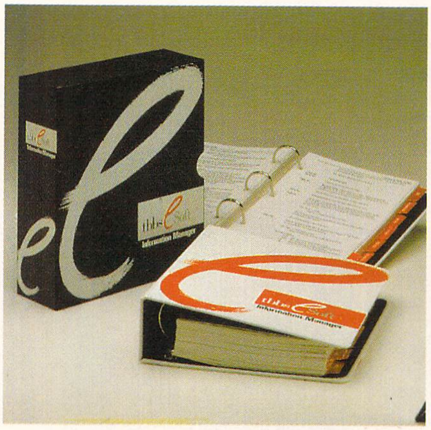
Introduced in 1992, *Synchronet* is fast becoming well known for its high-speed, multi-node features. The system was designed with message base networking as a primary feature. QWK message networking is built into the system, making it relatively easy to connect to networks supporting this standard. *Synchronet* also supports FidoNet and Postlink networking technologies. Message and file areas are arranged into topical groups with a bi-level structure. E-mail boxes are designed so that online users are automatically notified when they get new mail and when mail they have sent is read by recipients.

Synchronet BBS software has enhanced CD-ROM support and uses an object-oriented configuration program. You can also design menus, text and colors without source code.



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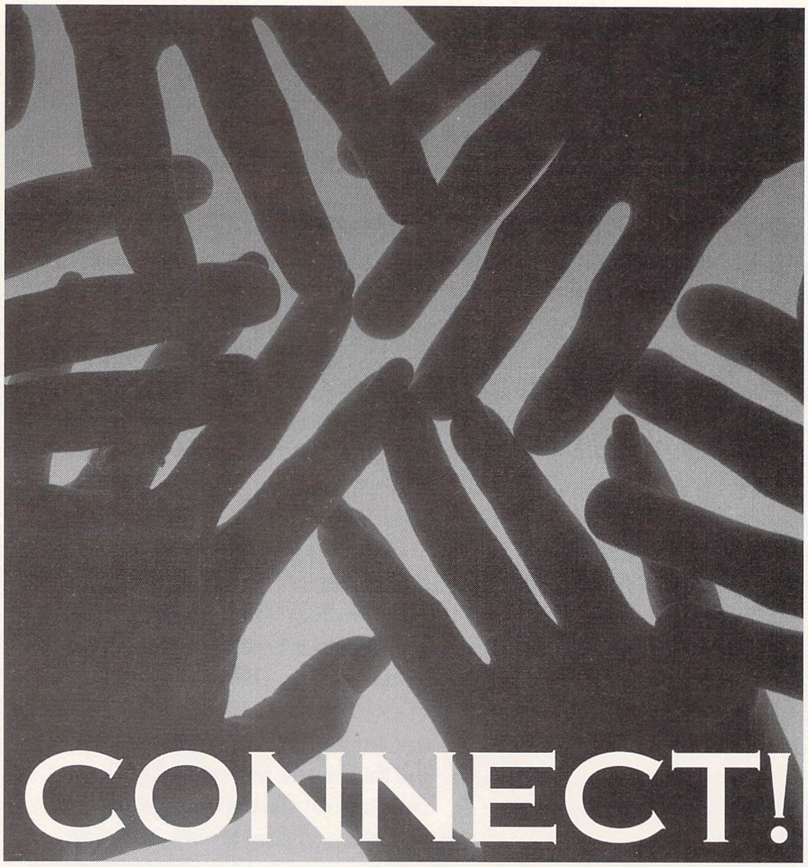
eSoft, Inc.
15200 E. Girard Ave., Suite 3000
Aurora, CO 80014
(303) 699-6565, voice; (303) 699-6872, fax;
(303) 699-8222, BBS
Price: $295 for four-user version

Instead of requiring a network, *TBBS* software runs on a dedicated machine. Its chief weakness is a 64-line limit, but sysops just starting out or those with limited hardware will find this a plus. (A new version planned for release will include support for up to 96 lines on a single machine.) Another plus for new users is the company's reputation for excellent technical support. Some otherwise happy TBBS users complain that there is a lack of third-party support for add-on packages.

If you're looking for an excellent chat line, take a close look at eSoft's *UltraChat*. This is a fully configurable, multi-user, multi-system chat utility for TBBS. It lets you emulate the popular chat-line features of other systems and design your own as well. *UltraChat* also allows sysops to link chat-line users on their systems to users of multiple systems so that they can chat in real time.

In conclusion, don't make your BBS software decision in isolation. Log onto other systems and chat with the sysops. Ask callers to these systems what they like and dislike about the system's software. Most established BBS software developers and companies offer demo versions. Use them. And don't be afraid to switch to another product if you or your users aren't happy with your first choice. **OA**



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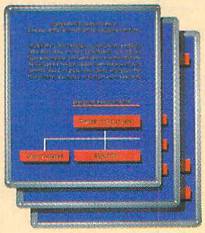
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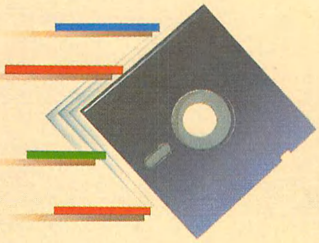
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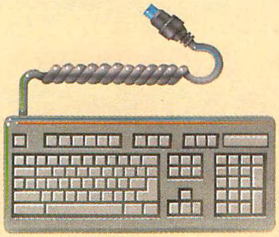
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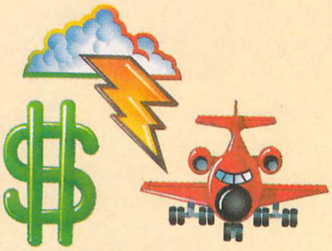
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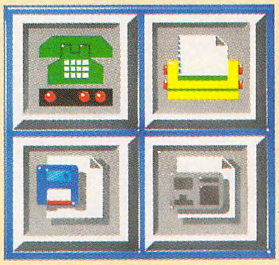
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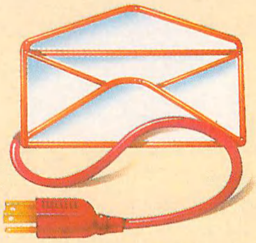
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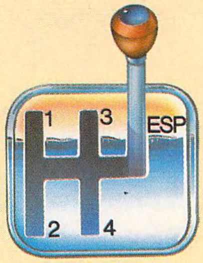
RIPscrip graphics provide point-and-click buttons for navigating BBS systems



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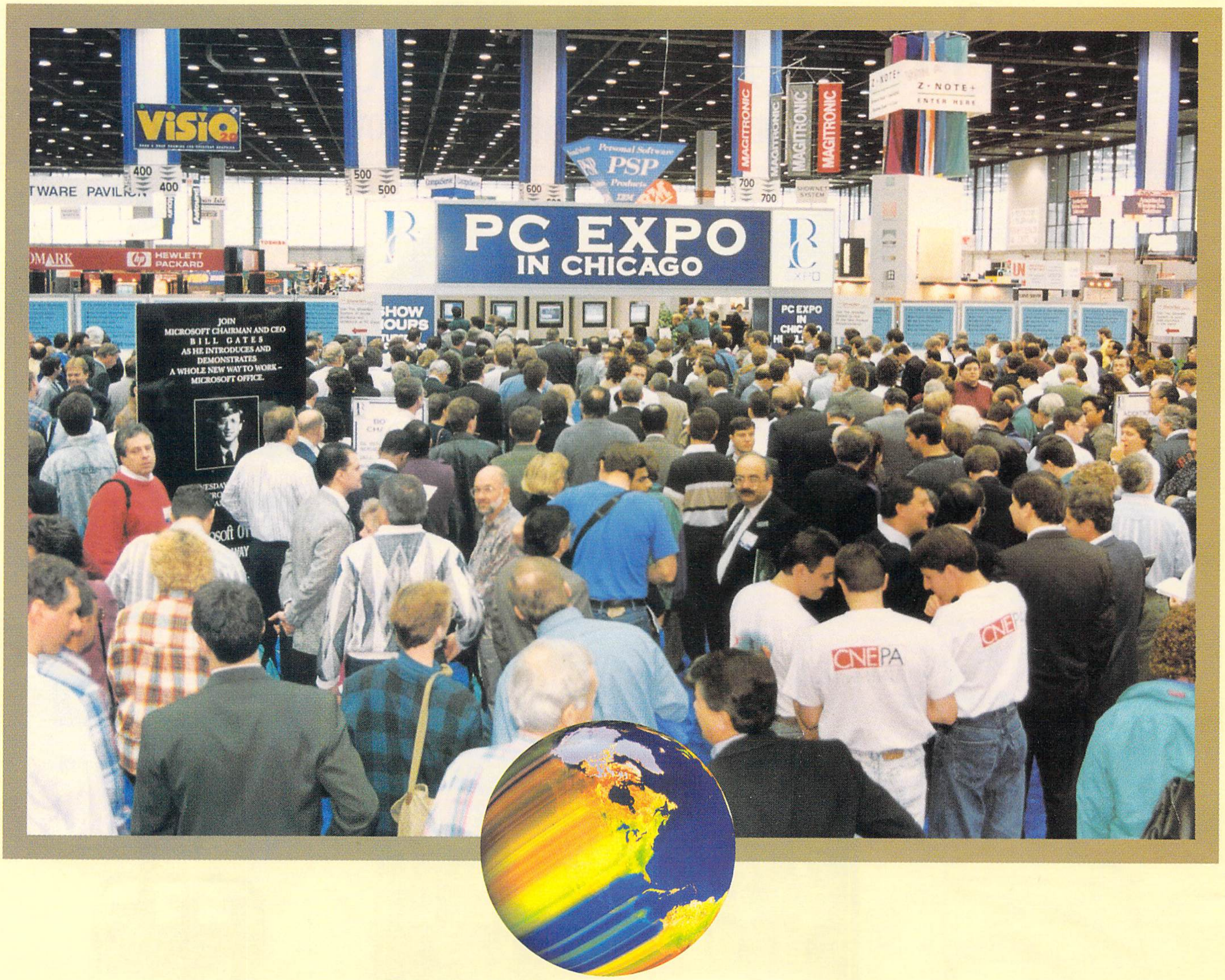

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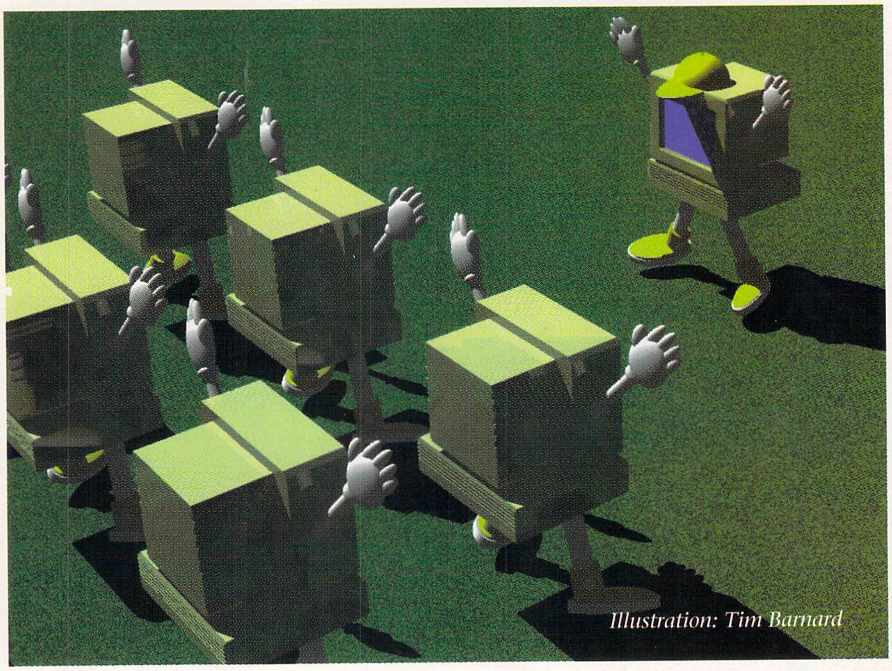
Boot Camp For Would-Be Sysops

Do you have what it takes to be a BBS sysop? A new online game called *Virtual Sysop* can help you find out.

By Alan Bechtold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Are you really cut out to run a BBS? Do you have what it takes to add new features to the system, maintain user records, set up new callers and still keep your grip on reality? And what about the expenses that are involved?

Junior Sysops

There is a way to test the BBS waters without getting your feet wet. Instead of setting up your own board right away, offer to help the sysop of a local bulletin board system. This can give you a taste of what it's like to actually run a BBS before you plunge in whole hog. Most bulletin board operators are overworked, trying to do everything themselves, and will welcome your offer of help. If accepted, you could wind up with complete control of your own area on a BBS—the perfect training ground for starting your own system one day.

Don't approach large, bustling, multi-line systems with hundreds or thousands of callers, which have been online for years. Instead, look for a newer board, one which went online last month or even last week. Log on to this smaller, newer system and really look around. Get to know a few people on the system and see if there isn't some area of the board with which the sysop could use some help.

Above all, get to know the sysop. This process can take some time (since you'll most likely be conversing via e-mail and chat), but your patience and sincere interest will pay off. After all—you'll be asking the sysop to turn over control of a complete section of his board to you. This will be much easier if you're not a complete stranger.

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Most BBSs offer what are referred to as special interest groups (SIGs), which focus on specific topics of interest. Each SIG can usually use a moderator—someone who maintains that particular area, monitoring message traffic, keeping the conversation going and in the right direction, posting and approving new files and so forth.

After you've become acquainted with the sysop as well as several callers, find a SIG on the board that interests you and offer to help maintain it. Or suggest starting up a SIG of your own. Chances are you have a hobby or job that gives you specialized knowledge that others will appreciate.

If you get the job, the system operator will help you with instructions and upgrade your account to allow you to browse through all messages, approve and maintain a file list and possibly create and change menus within your area.

Monitoring a SIG is an excellent way to get to know others online in your area and become known within your local online community. Both can be a big help if and when you do start your own BBS. You might even get a free subscription to your local board out of the deal. And you'll definitely get a more solid understanding of just what goes into operating a BBS.

Virtual Sysop

There's another way to test your ability to run a BBS of your own. *Virtual Sysop*, a new online game by Casey Sprangel, can give you solid, hands-on practice running an entire bulletin board system while tackling a fun, online challenge. You play the game on a BBS against other virtual sysops, trying to build your virtual BBS to top status before they do.

To play the game, you start with minimal equipment: an 8 Mhz PC XT, one 2400 baud modem, no money and no callers. Your task is to attract new callers and convert them into paying subscribers. You can post announcements on other boards, download files and add them to your own libraries, answer mail, spruce up your menus—anything to make your system one which people will eventually pay to access. Then, when you think you're ready, you can start charging fees. As you build enough income (if you build income!), you can buy faster modems, add more lines and buy advertising to attract even more callers.

Virtual Sysop might be an online game, but it's also a surprisingly realistic simulation of what it takes to build a BBS from the ground up. It's so lifelike that established BBS operators are among the game's most avid fans.

To add to the challenge, the **International Virtual Sysop Network** was recently launched. This network connects BBSs which offer the game, allowing them to share scores "tournament style," thus creating a much larger playing field.

Don't take the game too seriously, but do try playing *Virtual Sysop* for awhile to see if you have got what it takes to make it in the world of online system operations.

To find Virtual Sysop, try calling:

The Batboard—(314) 445-3987

The Bay Area Mega Board—(510) 247-8300

The Beach Board—(813) 337-5480

Bruce's Bar and Grill—(203) 231-8700

Chicago Syslink—(708) 795-4442

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Virtual Sysop runs on TBBS bulletin boards also running the TBBS Option Module. If you run a TBBS BBS and want to add *Virtual Sysop* to your offerings, contact Advanced Systems Research, P.O. Box 157, Marylhurst, OR 97036; (503) 657-3359 (BBS) or (503) 655-7031 (voice).

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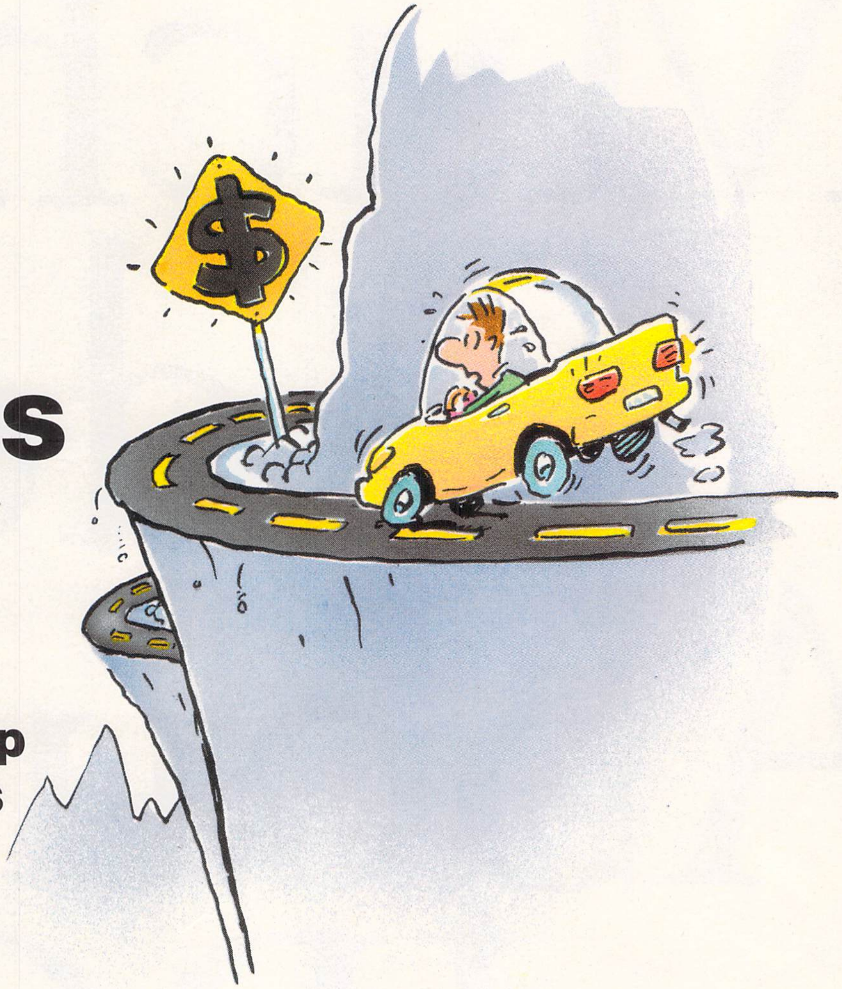
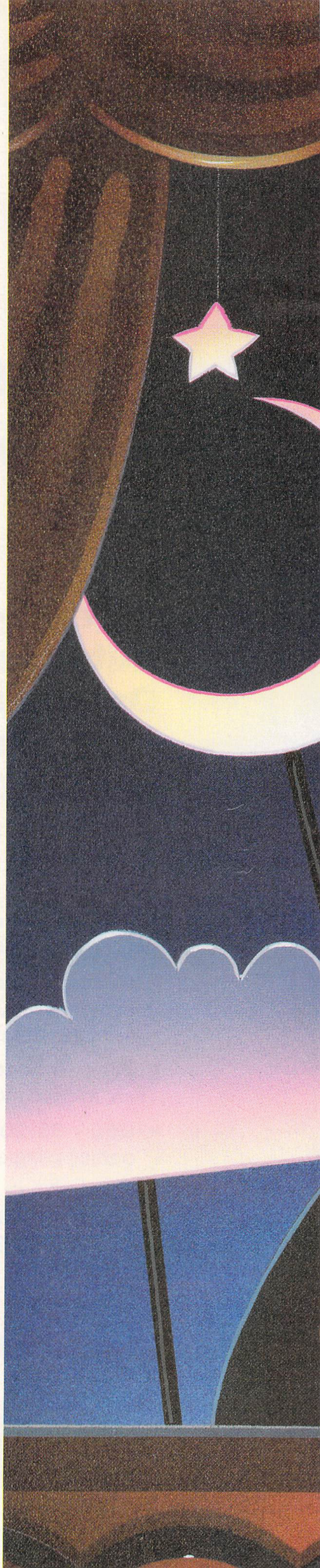


Much Ado About IRC

By Stuart Harris



Looking for a bit of culture on the Internet? Try IRC theater. While not exactly Shakespeare-in-the-Park, it's a great way to meet new people on the Internet.

Some people use the Internet for business. Others like to play trivia games all day, and some see it as a colossal shareware boutique. For me, all the world's a stage. During the past year, a group of would-be thespians and I have been amusing ourselves (and others, we sincerely hope) by using the Internet as a virtual auditorium through which to produce plays.

Internet theater naturally follows the forms and traditions of RL (real-life) theater, and we have opted to replicate in cyberspace as many features of RL theater as possible.

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We have issued casting calls, held auditions, sent out press kits to critics, created posters, handed out programs and so on.

Our first original cyberplay was *Hamnet*—an 80-line pastiche of *Hamlet* that I wrote for a cast of 17. The second piece—also Shakespearean—was written by columnist and critic Gayle Kidder. She called her play *PCbeth: An IBM Clone of Macbeth* and ran it to 160 lines.

We chose as our virtual auditorium Internet Relay Chat (IRC), an international chat forum. It is here that people gather electronically on channels to discuss a variety of serious and not-so-serious subjects. By using their keyboards, participants type messages that are instantaneously seen by other participants around the world.

IRC For The Uninitiated

New to IRC? Here are five commands that will get you chatting:

NICKNAME: To begin, use the **`/NICK`** command to set up your online identity. If you want to be known online as Sluggo, for example, enter **`/NICK sluggo`**.

LIST: IRC is made up of hundreds of conversations about a wide variety of topics. Each conversation is held on a channel. To find out which channels are available, use the **`/LIST`** command. This will yield a long list of currently available channels along with their specific topics.

SET: The **`/LIST`** command spits out over 500 IRC channels. To condense this list, enter **`/SET HOLD_MODE ON`**. Then enter a modified **`/LIST`** command such as **`/LIST -min 6`**. This will give you a list of channels with more than six users each. When you are finished, enter **`/HOLD_MODE OFF`**. (If you are using a VMS client, you don't have this mode.)

JOIN: To join a particular conversation or channel, use the **`/JOIN`** command. To join the Croatia channel, for example, type **`/JOIN #croatia`**. At this point, you are in an IRC conversation. Everything you enter that does not start with / will become part of the conversation. Your nickname automatically appears on the screen every time you "speak."

If you want to express an action, use the **`/ME`** command. **`/ME has to go home now`** will appear on everyone else's screen as **`sluggo has to go home now`**.

BYE: When you have had enough IRC for the day or want to move to another channel, use the **`/BYE`** command.

In IRC theater, participants are assigned roles, but instead of speaking their lines, they type their dialog. A conversation between Hamlet and Ophelia, then, might go as follows:

<Hamlet> Lady, shall I lie in your lap?
<Ophelia> No, my lord.
<Hamlet> Do you think I meant country matters?

Stage directions (or action lines in IRC parlance) as well as act and scene designations are also assigned to IRC actors. For example, participants might type in such lines as:

Exit Hamlet *in a sulk*

or

Scene I. The battlements of Elsinore Castle

Other elements of RL theater are easily adapted to the electronic stage, such as the production crew. In IRC theater, a crew does everything from moving stage sets (our first *Hamnet* set was a screenful of ASCII art representing Elsinore Castle) to silencing the audience.

Yes, there is an audience in IRC theater, though some presentations may be "by invitation only." If the play is staged on an IRC system with file transfer capabilities, audience members can even request electronic programs.

No Dress Rehearsals

One feature of RL theater that has never been replicated—and probably never will be—is rehearsals. Of course, the complete script could easily be e-mailed to all of the actors and then rehearsed. One problem with this is that it's extremely difficult for an actor cast at the last minute to read and comprehend the whole play. It's also simply more fun for the cast members to have their own lines without knowing how they fit into the overall script—that way the actors are their own audience. We currently e-mail each actor only his own lines.

If there's no rehearsal, how do the actors get their cues? Every line of the script has a sequential number, which the actors are instructed to enter as part of their publicly-seen speeches. Each line, then, automatically becomes the cue for the next line. For example, if you're playing Lady Macbeth, your line might be:

<Lady Macbeth> So glad you like it. I decorated it myself. [27]

Your cue would then be:

<King> What a great pad you have here. [26]

Of course, we have to assume that <King> won't flub up, either deliberately or by accident. Ad-libbing in the virtual theater, we have found, can be highly entertaining—but it can also be taken too far.

Shakespearean Actors and Hollywood Directors

We take great pride in the fact that our scripts have been performed by people from Slovakia, Austria, Finland, Norway, London, South Africa, Jerusalem, Dublin, Australia and Vancouver as well as many cities in the United States, though you could probably have just as much fun—and save yourself time-zone headaches—by using an all-American cast.

People from very different backgrounds have become involved in our IRC productions. We've had a town planner from Bath, England, reading lines to an engineer from Vienna. A law student in Washington was matched with a doctor in Dublin, Ireland (who was on duty at the time!) Our regular scene-changer is a librarian at the University of Virginia, and we've been "studied" by a professor of sociology at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

A few show-biz types have dropped by as well. Our second Hamlet was Ian Taylor, a real-live actor from the Royal

Do-It-Yourself IRC Theater

Virtual theater experiments have been conducted in MOO environments as well as on the Internet. There's also no reason that commercial online services offering "chat rooms" can't be used as a venue for theater. But IRC is especially well-suited for theatrical presentations, because its command set has some features that mimic RL theater stage management. Most of these commands were designed for systems running UNIX. Those using a VMS client like Delphi may not be able to utilize all of these commands.

Here are some suggestions for running your own IRC production.

1) Set up your own IRC channel. To stage your production, you will need to create your own IRC channel. This is easily done by using the `/JOIN` command to join a channel that is not already in existence.

2) Put up a publicity marquee. You can set the topic of your channel so that it acts as a marquee for your production. When you initially set up the channel, enter something like `/TOPIC IRC theater curtain up 6 pm EDT: ALL WELCOME.` Everyone who does a channel listing will see your message, and you'll be able to pick up not only an audience but some last-minute cast members as well.

3) Use the various "mode" commands in IRC in order to control your audience. For example, if you want to keep the audience quiet, enter `/MODE * +m.` This makes your channel moderated, allowing only designated channel operators (the cast and crew) to speak.

To control the late entry of audience members once the performance has begun, your stage manager has several options. He can allow admission by invitation only (`mode +i`) or to those who possess a "key" (`mode +k`). In either case, it's a good idea to include some information in your marquee about how latecomers should request admission. `\TOPIC theatrical performance in progress:latecomers /MSG sm` is all that is needed.

If you are short-staffed and don't want to be bothered with any of the niceties, you can simply declare the channel secret (`mode +s`) once all of your actors are safely inside, which is equivalent to locking the doors and taking down the marquee.

4) Give play programs to your audience members. The file transfer feature offered by most versions of IRC is called Direct Client Connection (DCC). DCC can be used to send data files from your working directory straight to somebody else's.

Suppose you have been designated as the usher at an IRC performance and are using the IRC nickname Usher. You store the program notes in a text file called pcbeth.program in your UNIX shell account and want to distribute the file to a member of the audience named April. The command you would use is `/DCC SEND april pcbeth.program.`

If April wants the program, she enters `/DCCGET Usher.` You will then see `*** DCC SEND connection to april [ip.ADDR] established.` After a short time, you will see something like `*** DCC SEND:/usrnetpers/pcbeth.program to april completed 4.42 kb/sec.`

While all of this technology is great, it can also backfire on you. In our production of *Hamnet,* a robot program (known as bot) sprang to the defense of Polonius and locked Hamlet out of the theater. In another case, a technical malfunction known as "netsplit" temporarily separated the cast and the audience into two halves which could not communicate with each other. ("How appropriate for *Hamlet,*" remarked one reviewer dryly.)

5) Advertise for your cast ahead of time. You don't have to hold auditions, though this process seems to work well. Three weeks in advance of the performance, get on your favorite forums and start making your plans known. Get addresses of electronic mailing lists that are likely to reach receptive people. Use whatever networking you have available to accumulate a mailing list of interested parties.

6) Expect no-shows. Technical problems can prevent cast members from making a performance, so be prepared to understudy every part or try to coax a member of the audience into being a last-minute addition.

7) Delegate authority. Though *Hamnet* and *PCbeth* each took only 45 minutes to perform, there's a lot of work involved in these productions. Don't try to be playwright, producer and stage manager all rolled into one.

8) Get a script. The starting point for all theater is a script. For inspiration, you can get copies of the *Hamnet* and *PCbeth* scripts (and programs) by ftping to `linux.phl.cursci.com:/pupb/sirrah`. They are also available through worldwide web at `http://199.2.50.5/pcbeth.htm`. We allow anyone who asks permission to restage these plays. So if you don't feel confident about your writing talent, use a ready-made script.

Shakespeare Company in London. Our second PCbeth was Chris Fonnesbeck, artistic director of Vancouver Shakespeare. That same production also guest-starred Hollywood's Mick Jackson, director of the movies *The Bodyguard* and *L.A. Story*.

The technology of IRC theater is evolving quickly and making the experience more rewarding for all—producers, players and audience. At the same, there are all sorts of technical problems that can cause you grief and heartache, such as the very unseasonal thunderstorm in Southern California that knocked out power to our access provider and took our first performance completely off the air.

Remembering the glitches sometimes makes me wonder why we carry on. But then I recall those magic moments when everybody finally understands what's going on and the script really begins to flow.

That brings us to the final aspect of RL theater that is easy to replicate online: the cast party after the curtain comes down. By 'Net standards, we do some pretty good socializing. **OA**

An IRC Channel Named #Desire** is the next scheduled production of the Hamnet Players. For more information, contact Stuart Harris via e-mail at **sirrah@cg57.esnet.com.

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<< Action >> : SCENE 2: AFTER HAMLET'S CHEM LAB      [16]
             <Hamlet> 2b or not 2b...    [17]
             <Hamlet> Hmmmmmm...         [18]
             <Hamlet> :-(    Bummer...   [19]
       <Hamlet> Ooops, here comes Ophelia    [20]
         << Action >> : _Enter Ophelia     [21]
       <Ophelia> Here's yr stuff back        [22]
    <Hamlet> Not mine, love.   Hehehehehe ;-D  [23]
    <Ophelia> O heavenly powers: restore him!  [24]
    << Action >> Ophelia thinks Hamlet's nuts  [25]
  <Hamlet> Make that "sanity-deprived", pls....  [26]
  <Hamlet> Oph: suggest u /JOIN #nunnery         [27]
                  <Ophelia> :-(    [28]
         *** Signoff: Ophelia (drowning)   [29]
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An excerpt from the Hamnet Players' production of "Hamnet"

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                    THE HAMNET PLAYERS:

        Artistic Director:   Stuart Harris
        Cyberturge:          Gayle Kidder

                 CAST IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE:

PROLOGUE ........."ChrisP"    ckp2n@faraday.clas.virginia.edu
 SCENE ............"Vermont"   BFB8333A@vaxd-eth.irc.rit.edu
                        [ROCHESTER, NY]
  Enter ..........."Dudester"  cjchen@spiff.gnu.ai.mit.edu
                        [ROCHESTER, NY]
Hamlet ...........Guest appearance by Ian Taylor of the Royal
                Shakespeare Co.  [LONDON, UK]
   Ghost ............"Nibbles"   ee3cmk@midge.bath.ac.uk
                          [BATH, UK]
   Ophelia ........."Valerie"   vgrey@apm-b337-7.ucsd.edu
                         [LAJOLLA,CA]
    R_krantz ........."Gazza"     absgh@midge.bath.ac.uk
                          [BATH, UK]
   G_stern .........."uros"      doomer@deeptht.armory.com
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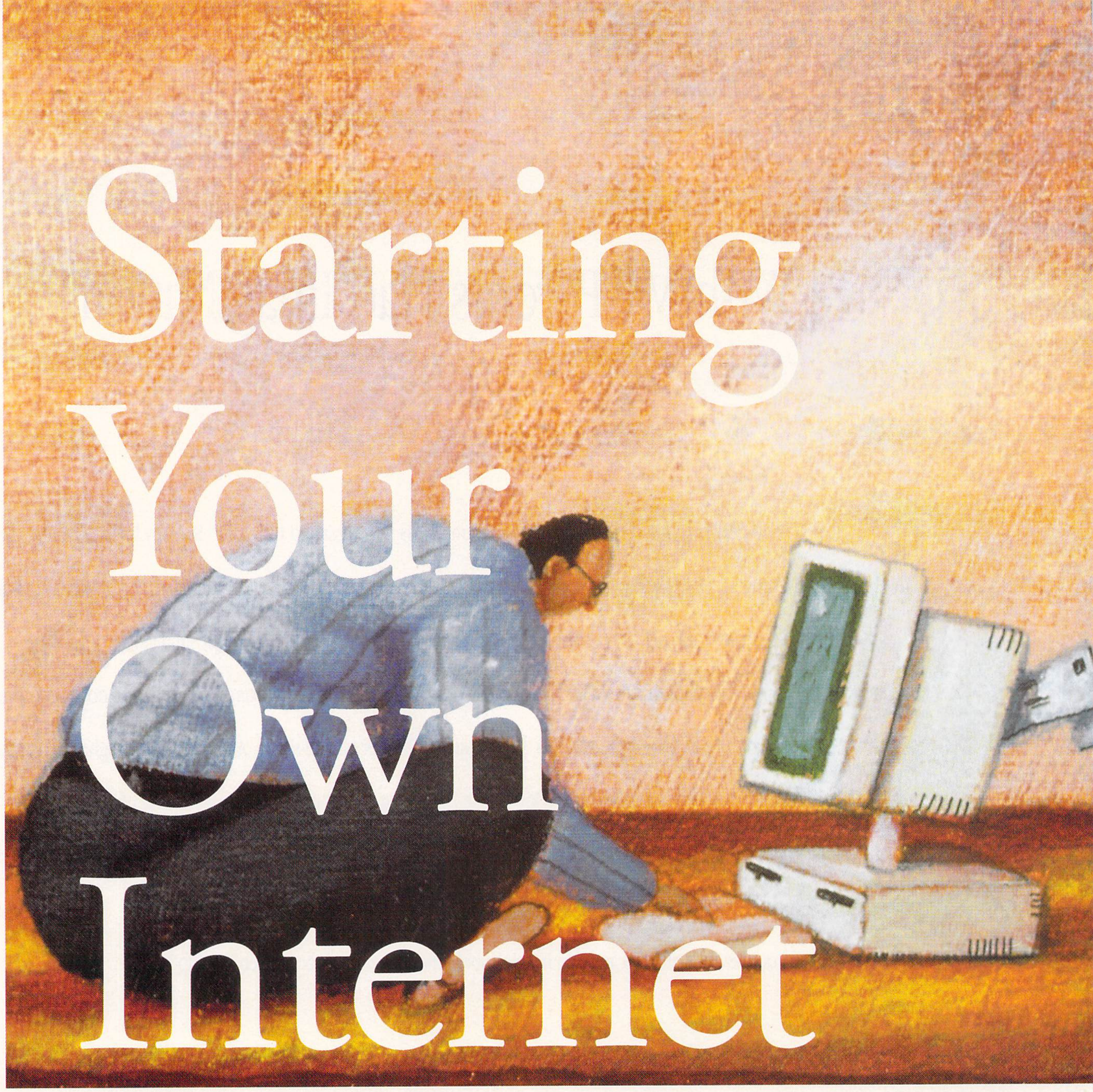

Starting Your Own Internet Mailing List

by Edward J. Branley

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When I first started following Usenet newsgroups, I immediately went to the science fiction newsgroups. I noticed that one of my favorite authors, Katherine Kurtz, was not a regular topic of conversation. I posted a message asking if there were any fans of Kurtz out there, and received many positive replies.

I decided that now was the time to start my own mailing list. I checked through several of the lists of mailing lists, and found no existing one about Kurtz. It was time to go for it, and the DERYNI-L list was born. (The name DERYNI-L comes from the Deryni, a mythical race in Kurtz' fantasy universe.)

There are literally thousands of mailing lists operating via the Internet covering subjects ranging from aquariums and animal rights to Welsh culture and the X Windows system. If you can't find one that covers the topic you're dying to discuss, you might want to start one of your own. This article contains some pointers on how to start your own mailing list. But the best way to learn about mailing lists is to join a few, so let's take a quick look at what a mailing is and how it works.

An electronic mailing list is similiar to a postal mailing list. A person who has a message for a number of people will print up copies of that message in a form letter, flyer, etc. Those copies are then mailed out to everyone on the sender's list. Some mailing lists are very primitive, hand-addressed operations, while others use expensive printers, mailing labels, etc., to get the message out. Many e-mail lists are an electronic equivalent of this process. The user will make a list of recipients and their electronic addresses. When she has a message to send to the list, the user then directs the software to send a copy to each address.

From A To Z...

There are literally thousands of mailing lists operating via Internet e-mail. Here a few lists that you may want to sample.

ANIMATION

Subscription: **agocg-animation-request@mailbase.ac.uk**

List: **agocganimation@mailbase.ac.uk**

This list is for those with a serious interest in animation.Includes discussions of hardware and software.

DR. WHO

Subscripton: **listserv@uel.ac.uk**

(Message:`subscribe drwho-l` *Firstname Lastname*)

Information: **listPROC@uel.ac.uk**

(Message:`info drwho-l`)

List: **drwho-l@uel.ac.uk**

Fans of this science fiction television show can share their views and ideas about the show and its cast.

POTTERY

Subscription: **listserv@ukcc.uky.edu**

Information: **molinaro@ukcc.uky.edu**

List: **clayart@ukcc**

This list was set up for those interested in ceramic arts/pottery. Includes information on exhibitions, conferences, book reviews and job opportunities.

WELSH LANGUAGE

Subscription: **listserv@irlearn.ucd.ie**

Information:**everson@irlearn.ucd.ie**

List: **welsh-l@irlean.ucd.ie**

In this forum, you can ask questions about the Welsh language, culture, history and politics. Conversation may be in both Welsh and English.

Messages from a mailing list come directly to your e-mail box, unlike Usenet newsgroups where you have to enter a separate command to read your mail. Once you subscribe to a list, you automatically receive mail from members of that group. Not all mail will be of interest to you—simply delete those items from your mailbox.

Joining Mailing Lists

To find out what's are already out there, get a copy of one of the comprehensive list of mailing lists. (See "More On Mailing Lists".) Each description of a mailing list can contain up to three different e-mail addresses. The first one will usually be the subscription e-mail address, which is where you send your request to join the mailing list. The second e-mail address is generally for information. If you want to know more about the list before you subscribe, you should send a message here. Finally, there is a list address, which is where you send messages that you want to be part of the mailing list.

Your message requesting to subscribe to a mailing list may take many different forms, depending on the specific list. Some lists are maintained manually by the listowner, so a simple message asking to join is good enough. These lists usually have the word **REQUEST** in their subscription address. Other lists are maintained by a computer program—these usually have a subscription address that begins with the word **LISTSERV**. When a list is run by computer, your subscription message must contain a command word recognized by the computer. In most cases, the message: **`SUBSCRIBE`** ***`listname yourname`*** to ***`listserv.nodeid`***

Running Your Own Mailing List

How your mailing list will operate depends on how you connect to the Internet. Commercial services like CompuServe have been set up to allow users to send a single message to multiple users for some time now. Since commercial service members use their regular mail software to send Internet mail, all you have to do is create a list and manually add people to it. The commercial services do not operate list-server software; all changes to your list will have to be done by hand.

A system with automated software is the best home for your list, since the software will handle most of the day-to-day chores of subscribing and unsubscribing users. Many Internet public access providers operate automated list-server software for users who subscribe to those systems. Rates are pretty reasonable (anywhere from free to $20/month). If you access the Internet from a company or academic mainframe, drop a note to the system administrator and see if you can use the site's list management software. Many companies and schools will allow private lists because they give the user running the list practical experience on the Internet, and the resources needed to maintain the list are minuscule.

A final option for running your list is to set up your own site on the Internet. You don't need full access to do this, just a UUCP (which stands for UNIX-to-UNIX Copy) connection. There are several packages that enable a PC user to hook up a UUCP connection. Getting access to the net via UUCP is relatively inexpensive—service ranges from $10-$40 per month, depending on the provider.

LISTSERV and *Majordomo* are two of the many automated software programs used on different systems to maintain mailing lists. The most popular of these is *LISTSERV*, a program developed for IBM mainframes. The basic idea behind all of these programs is that users send a message to an address at a particular site that contains a set of commands to operate the program.

For example, to join the list for discussing collegiate ice hockey (HOCKEY-L), you'd send a message to **`LISTSERV@maine.maine.edu`**. In that message you would put a single line: **`SUBSCRIBE HOCKEY-L (your name) (your favorite college/teams).`**

This will be read by the *LISTSERV* program running at maine.maine.edu,

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which will add you to the list, and will send out a welcome message for the list.

The next step after getting the site mechanics straight is to choose a name for your list. Consult the "list of lists" to make sure that the name you want isn't already in use, even if you're pretty sure that there isn't a list related to your subject area already in existence. It is a good idea to keep list names short and easy to spell; the longer the name, the more likely the chance that a new user will make a typo, which will normally generate a "bounce" message back to the user when your systems doesn't recognize the typing.

It is a good idea to do some testing after you've set up your manual list or made arrangements to use a list-server. Recruit a friend or colleague or two who have e-mail accounts and put them on your list. Send out a test message or two and have them reply, enclosing the entire header from your original message. Do this a few times locally, then add someone from a different site who has expressed interest in the list.

Advertising Your List

Once you have set up the mechanics of operating the list, it's time to advertise its existence. Here are some good places to start:

NEW-LIST list (new-list@vm1.nodak.edu): This is a mailing list where new mailing lists are announced. It's a list with a widespread distribution, and an easy way to let thousands know about your new project.

USENET newsgroups related to your topic: For my mailing list on New Orleans, I posted a notice on **rec.travel** and **rec.food.restaurants**. If you don't have access to Usenet, ask someone on your list who does to post a notice for you.

FORUMS on commercial services: The Travel Forum on CompuServe is the most active travel discussion area of any online service or network, so it was logical for me to advertise the New Orleans list there also. When I was starting up DERYNI-L, I made it a point to post a notice for that list on CompuServe's SciFi forum.

Handling Growth

A too-successful mailing list can be your worst nightmare. Last year, the American Librarians Association came to New Orleans for their convention. Sixty days or so before the convention, membership on my mailing list swelled from 50 to over 400, swamping my BBS and its DOS-based mail-processing software. If you turn away users or shut down the list in any way, it will be difficult to get them back. It's better to have an alternate plan up-front.

Automating a manually-maintained list is the first obvious step in handling growth. You never realized that so many people were interested in left-handed underwater basket-weaving, did you? OK, you've got them, now it's time to give them a easy way to come and go. If your site can't handle automation (you're on a

More on Mailing Lists

Lists of Mailing Lists

Several Usenet newsgroups frequently post updated lists. A few to check out include **news.lists**, **news.announce.newusers** and **news.answers**.

Dartmouth University maintains a list that you can access via ftp and is one of the easier list of lists to retrieve. Warning: These files are long! Ftp to **dartcms1.dartmouth.edu**, cd:**siglists\internet.txt**. It's a good idea to get the read.me file associated with this list.

If you are a member of America Online (AOL) or Delphi, you have a much easier option: download or search the list via the online service. On AOL, go to the Internet Center, and then to the Internet Mailing List section. You can then click on the icon that says "Search Mailing Lists" and enter the topics in which you are interested.

On Delphi, you should go to the Internet SIG and then to the Usenet section. In the Usenet menu, one of the options will be a list of mailing lists.

Mailing List Software

The following automated mailing list software programs are available on the Internet:

- A version of *LISTSERV* is available via ftp at **cs.bu.edu, cd:/pub/listserv**.
- A version of *Majordomo* is available via ftp at **FTP.GreatCircle.COM**, **cd:/pub/majordomo/*majordomo.tar.Z***.

commercial service, or the system administrator just doesn't want to be bothered), ask your fellow list members for help. You may have someone on the list who is in the position to move it to a better site. Most list-server programs are capable of hosting a list whose listowner is not a local user of that system. The software contains program-level security that enables you as owner to add, modify, and delete users for just your list. Set a cut-off point for yourself, and post a message explaining the situation to the list.

When shopping for a new home for your list, help sweeten the pot a bit by mentioning how much better the list would be on a larger system. Most automated list-server programs are able to produce daily digests of their lists, as well as keeping extensive archives of back messages.

Some systems even allocate disk space where a listowner can make related files available. For example, we have some people writing original fiction set in Kurtz' Deryni Universe. Those files are available via my mail-server. If I was running the list from my CompuServe account, I'd never be able to offer this service. If you've got a lot of information, graphics, etc., on the subject of your list, mention this in the hopes that it sparks interest. Mailing lists are a co-operative venture. If you take that attitude from day one, help will be there when you need it.

Very few people actually get paid to operate mailing lists. They're labors of love, whether the subject is an esoteric piece of software for old DEC minicomputers or a fan list for a popular band. You'll meet people from lots of interesting places when you get your list up and running. Oh, you'll most likely meet a jerk or two along the way, but that's also part of the game. Just remember to have a good time with it!

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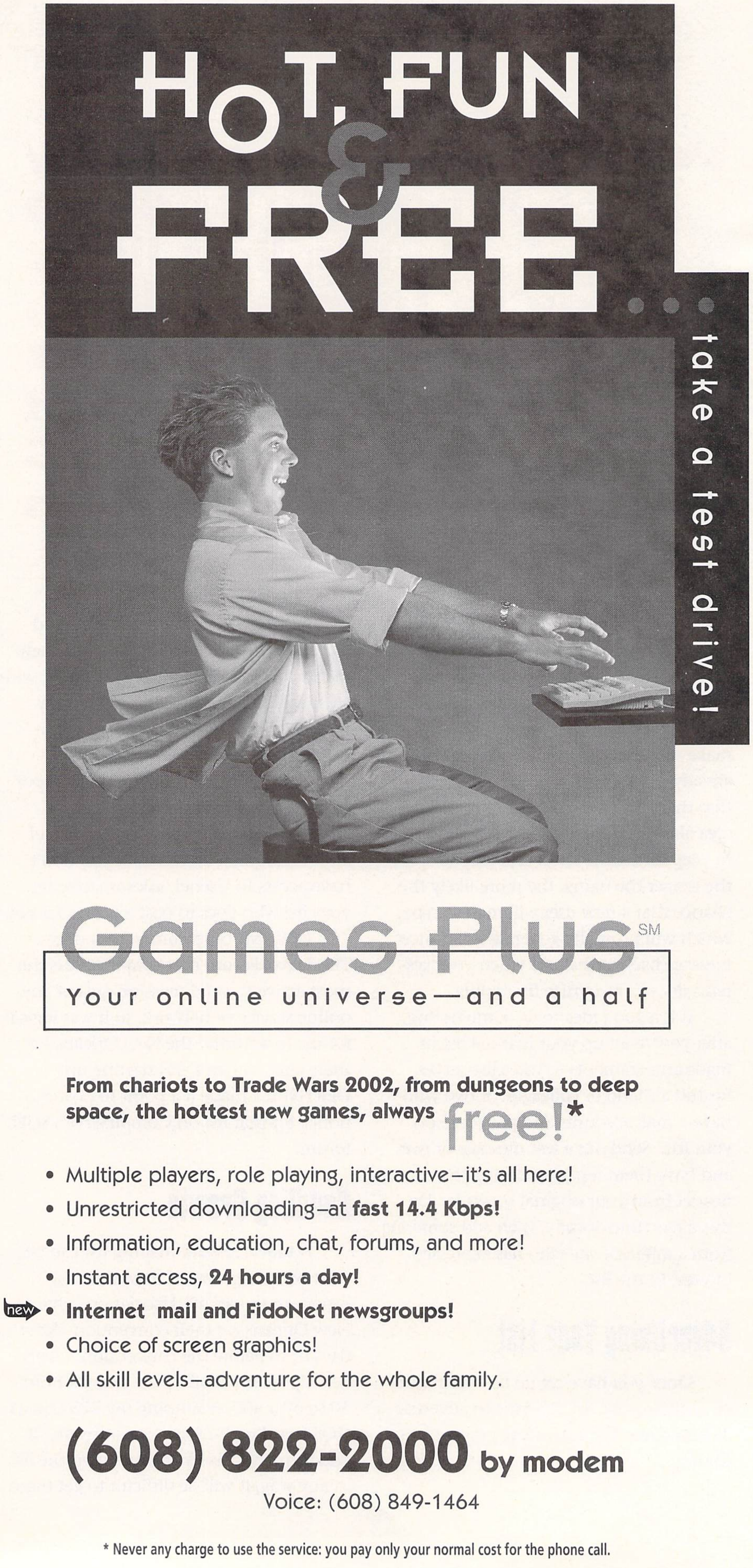

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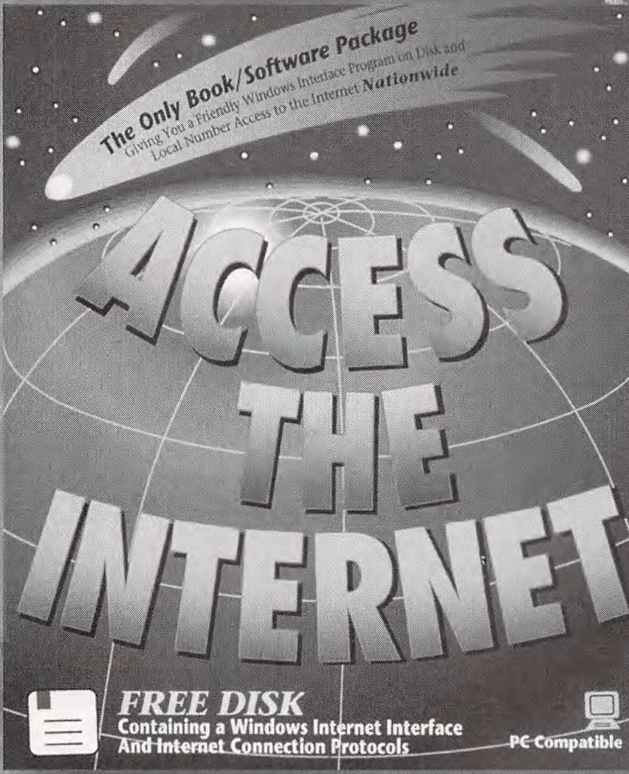

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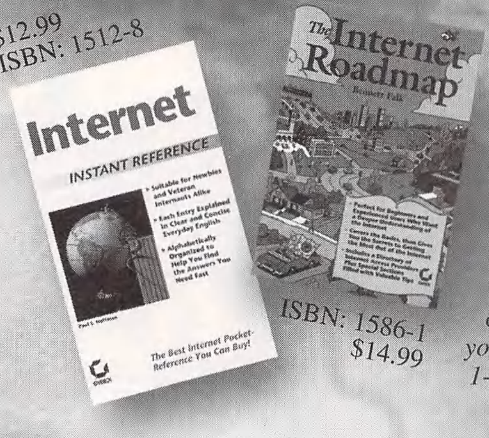

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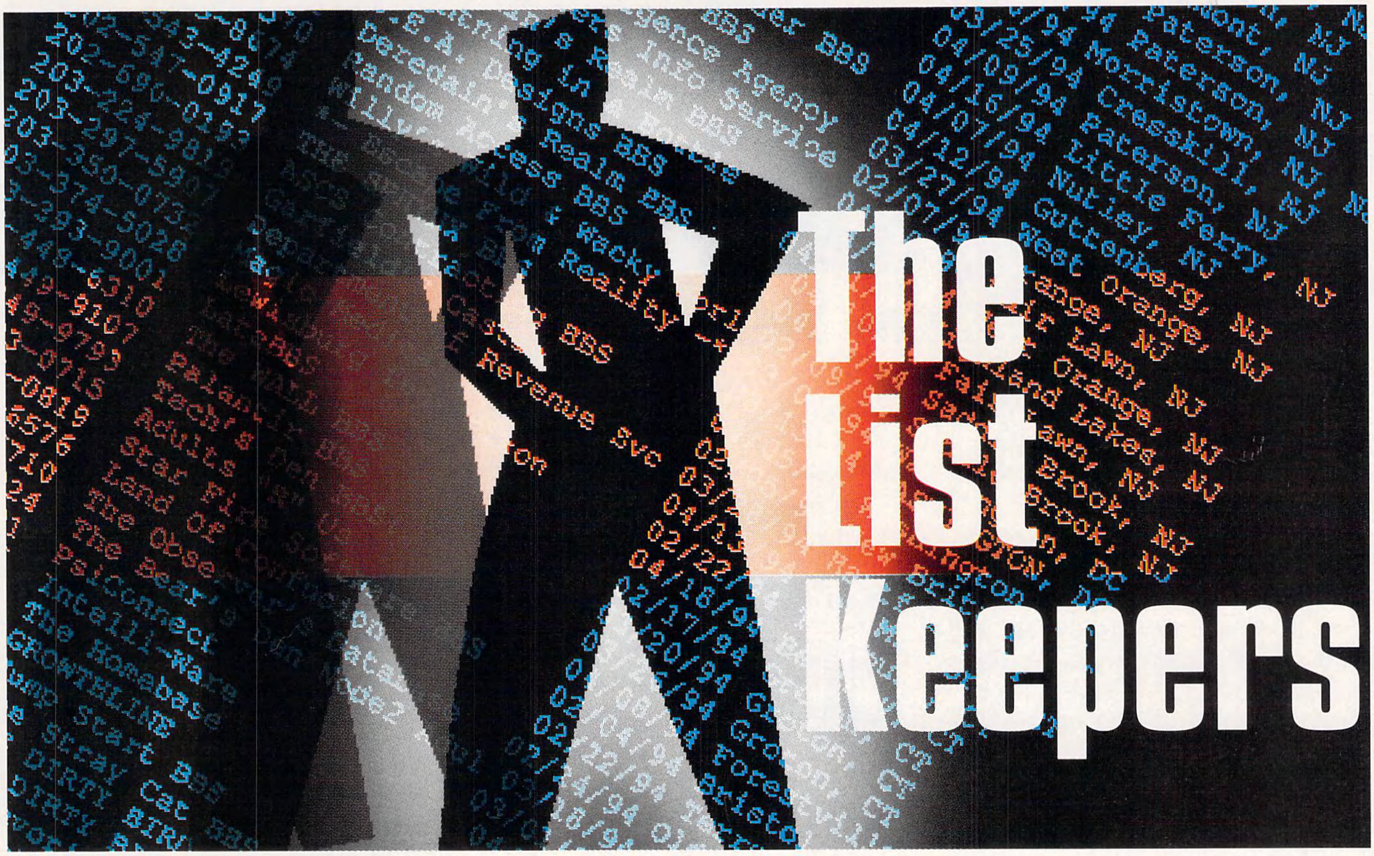

The List Keepers

By Dana Humphrey

Everyone talks about on-ramps, fiber-optic networks and access for all on the Information Superhighway. But what really makes the electronic world so unique is the vast amount of information it provides at no extra charge. Much of what you'll find online is available thanks to the efforts of some unsung heros: the list keepers. ONLINE ACCESS interviewed several of these electronic organizers to find out how and why they do what they do.

As cyberspace continues to expand, the demand increases for a service that can provide online users with information about what's available, where it is and how to get there. While no such service currently exists, there are individuals—called list keepers—who are trying to fill the void. These people voluntarily spend months researching everything from specialized BBSs and shopping services to electronic publications and FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions). Creating lists is not, however, a totally selfless act, since it can advance both your career and your reputation.

The Need for a List

While doing graduate research in 1990, Michael Strangelove learned that an enormous number of journals and newsletters were available on the Internet but couldn't find an electronic publications directory that listed them. On a whim, he decided to compile his own Internet list.

In the meantime, the Association of Research Libraries was mandated to support the creation of a similar directory for print. The association asked Strangelove, who had made substantial progress on his list, if he would be willing to have his Internet directory published. "Within six months, I had co-authored my first book. It was very exciting," he says. For the next four years, Strangelove and Diane Kovacs, who compiles an academic discussion list, were co-authors of the yearly updated versions.

"It could have started a whole new career for me had I pursued it," Strangelove says. "I was seen as an international expert on the subject."

Despite invitations to library conferences, small royalties from the book and opportunities to speak and write about the electronic journals field, Strangelove chose to pursue a career in the commercial world. He directed his energies into developing an online, interactive listing of Internet advertising and direct marketing agencies. This listing comes from his book *How to Advertise on the Internet: An Introduction to Internet-Facilitated Marketing*. While the electronic version offers a wonderful and needed service, it also entices 'Net users to buy the book, which provides a more comprehensive and detailed list.

By writing books and articles about the Internet, Strangelove is able to gain name recognition and prestige in the online world. "I am seen as that much more legitimate," he says.

Everyone a Winner

List compilers learn to sow their seeds on the Internet—and then reap the benefits offline. Dave Taylor, for example, provides a free directory called *The Internet Mall*, which lists various commercial products available through the Internet. Companies don't have to pay to be included in the directory, and users don't have to pay to peruse it. But Taylor explains his motives up front in an e-mail message to prospective companies and users: "If you're wondering why I'm doing this, it's because I'm a consultant and I help companies profit from their Internet connection, rather than just use it. If you want my professional assistance in your venture, drop me a note and we can discuss terms."

Kevin Savetz, an Internet author and freelance writer, has compiled two FAQs lists and a bibliography of Internet books. "I enjoy doing it, but the truth is, it's my field and I need to keep up anyway," he says.

Strangelove, Taylor and Savetz may seem like the big winners here, but in the game of list compiling no one loses—especially not online users. According to Taylor, the ultimate question which determines whether the Internet is an invaluable resource or just a big mess is simply: Can you get on and find the desired information without too much trouble? "Only a tiny minority of new or veteran users want to just poke around," he explains. "Most want to log on, find how many people live in Texas and log off.

"I would definitely encourage people to compile lists," Taylor adds. "Why have the information available at all if users don't know how or where to get it?"

Strangelove, noting the phenomenal growth of the Internet, predicts: "There will never be enough lists. We've far from run out of things to index."

Five Profiles—and a Bit of List Keeper Advice

The authoritative book about how to compile a list does not yet exist on the shelves. That's because lists vary greatly in their topics, sizes and formats, and list compilers employ their own unique methods when creating and maintaining the indexes. Provided below are profiles of five very different lists as well as some words of advice from the compilers. Of course, the best way to learn more about lists and list compiling is by checking out a few yourself on the Internet.

International Business/Professional BBS List

Compiled by Dennis Hauser

To access: Call the Online Access BBS at (404) 924-3665, modem.

Purpose: Provides a listing of nearly 100 BBSs for professionals, including BBS name, modem number and speed, sysop, city/locale and a three-line description for each entry. Time spent: Initial compilation—20 hours; maintenance—minimal.

Hauser put the word out about his list in computer magazines and on FidoNet and CompuServe and monitored all BBSs that contacted him before allowing them to be included. The directory is automatically updated online by the BBS sysops, who add new information to it themselves. Hauser dials the BBS modem numbers every six months to insure that the list is up-to-date. He offers the following tip for would-be compilers:

Make sure that the list is accurate. Nothing is more discouraging than calling up a BBS only to find that it's offline.

The Internet Mall

Compiled by Dave Taylor

To access: Send e-mail to ***taylor@netcom.com*** *with "mall" as the subject.*

Purpose: Provides access to over 150 companies that sell products and services on the Internet. A short description of each company is provided as well as customer contact information, including e-mail addresses, gopherhosts and ftp sites. Time spent: Initial compilation—two to three days; maintenance—one hour per day.

Word gets out about *The Internet Mall* primarily through FAQs and computer magazines. Taylor asks all potential companies to be listed in the publication to send him specific information, which he then transforms into a four-line description. He interacts closely with the companies, giving them suggestions and advice. If he receives complaints from users about a particular company or service, he pulls it from the directory. His advice to potential list keepers:

If you have questions as you begin to compile, send e-mail messages to others who make lists. They're usually glad to help.

It's important not to have competing lists. If there is another list on a particular subject, make sure to coordinate your information with that list compiler.

Association of Shareware Professionals

Maintained by Richard Holler

To access: Go to ASP Forums on CompuServe

Purpose: Offers a listing of BBSs that are members of the Association of Shareware Professionals. The information included in each entry is based on the responses given on ASP membership application forms. Time spent: Maintenance—one hour per month.

As chairperson of ASP, Holler inherited this list, which he updates monthly by adding all new ASP members to the directory. He has the following advice for list compilers:

Stay specific. Focus on a certain subject and then include only those BBSs that are relevant to the topic area.

The Directory of Advertising and Direct Marketing Agencies

Compiled by Michael Strangelove
To access: Gopher ***fonorola.net****; e-mail* ***mstrangelove@fonorola.net****; or call (613) 565-0982, voice.*

Purpose: Provides an interactive directory of agencies that can help you learn how to advertise on the Internet. Agencies that want to be listed write to Strangelove telling him what distinguishes them from the competition, how they provide a valuable database service for free, etc. He then edits the replies and includes them next to the corresponding company information.

Time spent: Initial compilation—one month; maintenance—three days for each revision.

To produce a preliminary list, Strangelove routed a message around on the Internet. He then created the templates for the entries and sent all agencies their templates to be fact-checked. The list is updated two to four times a year or as often as possible. Agencies must send in new information in order for changes to be made to their listings. Strangelove's tips for compilers include:

Fact-check. A directory is only as good as its compiler.

List compiling is a good opportunity for partnering. Work with others to create a comprehensive and accurate directory.

Look at existing Internet directories to familiarize yourself with standard methods of cataloging. Try to use a standard format.

Take note of the template, style and categories that are used in traditional catalogs and directories in your specific field.

Internet services are usually available through numerous means. Make sure to index all ways of obtaining the information.

Consider authoritative and duplicate sites. Determine which are authoritative and document this in your directory.

Don't be afraid to make drafts of your work available on the Internet. This will allow you to perfect the index before it reaches its final stages.

Be prepared for your list to be commercialized. To preempt someone from simply copying your list, approach publishers with your directory and negotiate with them.

Unofficial Internet Book List

Compiled by Kevin Savetz
To access: Send e-mail to ***mail-server@rtfm.mit.edu*** *with message body of* ***send usenet\news.answers\internet-services\internet-booklist.***

Purpose: Offers an alphabetical listing of 110 books about the Internet. Information provided with each entry includes title, author, publisher, ISBN, price, extras (disk, free time, etc.), number of pages and a review (25 to 100 words each). Time spent: Maintenance—one hour per week (but it varies).

Savetz began his list by including information about books from his own shelves. Eventually, authors and other people began sending him e-mail suggesting that various books be added to the list. Savetz provides the following tips:

Create a list on a subject that you enjoy or are knowledgeable about.

Find a newsgroup and read it for a month to make sure that there's a need for your list.

Make your list easily accessible. Don't put it on some lonely ftp site in Finland.

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The Practical Government Bulletin Board 1994 Update

By Larry Krumenaker

When ONLINE ACCESS looked last year ("The Practical Government Bulletin Board", August 1993) at the bulletin boards run by the federal government, it was definitly a mixed bag of electronic services. One could find economic and environmental data all over the place but only access a couple of court systems, check last night's weather and earthquake records. Many of the BBSs ran on generic BBS software.

This year, things are looking quite a bit better. Many of the BBSs have more elaborate graphics and more sophisticated (or at least numerous) menus. Last year virtually no one had Internet accessibility; this year many systems have developed crude gopher, telnet or anonymous ftp access points. By next year we predict at least a third of the list will be on the 'Net.

There are still some stodgy agencies that can't shell out a few bucks out for a modem that can accept speeds higher than 1200 baud, or that will not hang up when an error-correcting modem dials in. (We've given THOSE boards a dishonorable mention ✂.)

Here is this year's list of 131 bulletin boards run by agencies of the federal government. Particularly impressive boards will be indicated with a ☆☆.

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Agriculture

Agricultural Library Forum (ALF) BBS
Department of Agriculture
(301) 504-5496 or (301) 504-6510 (modem)

For librarians, research scientists and information specialists. Information about agriculture activities, animals and 4-H. Over 20 conferences. Some files are very dated.

Call-ERS/NASS BBS
Department of Agriculture
(202) 219-0377 (modem)

A very good agricultural economics and statistics BBS. Situation and outlook reports—summaries, vegetables, livestock, dairy and poultry, tobacco, feed, oil crops. Lots of spreadsheets. Access to current statistical reports requires that you be an NASS subscriber, but previous reports are available online for free. World supply and demand reports and software for 200 countries.

Nutrient Data Bank (NHIS) BBS
Department of Agriculture
(301) 436-5078 (modem)

Provides up-to-date information about USDA-HNIS food composition, data releases, publications and nutrition. Databases and conferences are available as well as a dietary analysis program. NFCS data and Standard Reference Releases are also on file. Formerly Nutrition Databank BBS.

Aviation

FAA Airports Electronic BBS
Federal Aviation Administration
(202) 267-5205 (modem)

For airport operators and designers. FAA advisories, signs and marketing supplements, calendars. Database of runway characteristics and searchable Advisory Circular checklists are also available. Files include airport computer software, the 150 series circulars and data on passengers with disabilities.

Air Transportation Division Bulletin Board
Federal Aviation Administration
(202) 267-5231 (modem)

If there is an operational, regulatory or handbook FAA document you need (MMEL, FSB, etc.), this is the place to look.

FAA Headquarters Bulletin Board
Federal Aviation Administration
(202) 267-5697 (modem)

Conferences for FAA and Department of Transportation personnel in program evaluations, budget and accounting, intermodalism, TQM and strategic planning. File areas include general bulletins, civil penalties, legal interpretations, PR from the FAA, DOT and the White House. Speeches, vacancy/jobs wanted listings are also available.

ICAP
FAA Interagency BBS
(703) 305-6204 (modem) ✂

This board coordinates "improvements in efficiency, effectiveness, economics and safety of public agency aircraft." FAMIS documents, excess aircraft lists, meeting schedules and ICAP project communication medium are also included.

Orlando FSDO BBS
Federal Aviation Agency
(407) 648-6309 (modem)

Best of the bunch. A number of private areas can be found, but the public ones include conferences on flight simulator, experimental/ultralight aircraft and "Ask the FAA." A general area has files on meetings, airshows, examiners' needs and phone listings.

Portland Flight Standards District Office BBS
Federal Aviation Agency
(207) 780-3297 (modem)

For disseminating "select" FAA information, publications and documents and submitting FAA requests, applications and some required reports. Aviation safety. Distribution center for Master Minimum Equipment lists. Also includes weight and balance spreadsheets.

Safety Data Exchange BBS
Federal Aviation Agency
(800) 426-3814 (modem)
Password: **SAFETY**

This is the FAA's small airplane directorate board for exchanging safety information on small, amateur-built planes and ultralight craft. Users can unofficially submit reports of problems. Alerts, bulletins and user message posting/responding.

Business with Uncle Sam

Federal Real Estate Sales
General Services Administration
(800) 776-7872 (modem)

Want to buy some property? This board offers general descriptions of agencies selling real estate and the types of property available. Initial agencies cooperating include the Postal Service, GSA and the Tennessee Valley Authority. Base closing information is also included.

SBIR/STTR BBS
National Aeronautics and
Space Administration
(800) 547-1811 or (202) 488-2939 (modem)

This BBS can explain how to do business with the space agency or help you find items available for technology transfer to the private sector.

VA Vendor Bulletin Board System
Veterans Administration
(800) 735-5282 or (202) 233-6971 (modem)

Provides vendors with improved access for acquisition data.

Business Gold
National Technology Transfer Center
(304) 243-2560 (modem)
Settings: VT100
Login: **guest** (access for 30 minutes) Internet: telnet or gopher to **iron.nttc.edu**

Use this board to locate federal laboratories and federally sponsored resources and research available for licensing.

FEDIX Federal Information Exchange
Interagency and Department of Education
(800) 783-3349, 9600 bps
(301) 258-0953, 14.4 Kbps
Settings: VT100

Agency information for higher education institutions. Includes items about programs, scholarships and grants that are available. Agency news and general information. Minority assistance from NSF, HUD, DOC plus information from DOE, Naval Research, NASA, FAA and Air Force office of Scientific Research. MOLIS (Minority Online Information Service) and other agency services have been added. The 800 # is available 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday only.

FERC Issuance Posting System
Department of Energy
(202) 208-1781 (modem)

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission bulletin board for postings of issuances of commission.

Online Schedules System
Information Resources
Management Services
General Services Administration
(202) 501-7254 (modem)

A communication conduit for vendors involved in the Multiple Award Schedule programs for procurements in the agency. Formerly known as GSA-IRM and GSA-IRSC BBSs.

OASYS (Navy Online Automation System)
Department of the Navy
(804) 445-1121 (modem)

Naval Computer and Telecommunication Area Master Station BBS. To facilitate communication between active naval personnel and civil service employees. Has information on contracts made and available for outside contractors. Some computer security areas as well. Delivery and status information, Navy Umbrella contracting and NAVCOMTELCOM. Useful resource for Federal Acquisition Regulations.

Economics

Boards of Wage and Service Contracts Appeals BBS
(800) 735-7396 (modem)

Locate labor standard regulations from the 29-CFR. Also included are SCA decisions and labor legal history files.

Census-BEA Electronic Forum
Department of Commerce
(301) 763-7554 (modem)

Manufacturing shipments, 1992 economic census projections/data, inventories, orders, plant expenditures, TIGER street indices, CD-ROM information, housing, 1990 Census. Files contain foreign and domestic trade data, country business policies, state ratings, population estimates. Press releases are also included.

United States Customs Electronic Bulletin Board
U.S. Customs Service
(703) 440-6155 (modem)

International trade and import information. Quota thresholds, commissions, news releases. Currency conversion tables. NAFTA, Mexican and Canadian trade and customs documents. Some articles are included too.

Economic Bulletin Board ☆☆
Department of Commerce
(202) 482-3870, 2400 bps
(202) 482-2584 or (202) 482-2167, 9600 bps
Login: **GUEST**
Internet: telnet to **ebb.stat-usa.gov**

Primarily a subscription service, access to this board costs $45 per year plus $.05 to $.20 cents per minute for 2400 bps (rates doubled for 9600 bps). Contains press releases and statements from the Bureau of Economic Analysis on the Census, Federal Reserve and Bureau of Statistics. New this year: Federal Reserve of NY, USAIS procurement, International Marketing, Monthly Treasury Statements and others.

The free part of the service allows downloading of bulletins and includes a few general interest files, access to Helpful Hints to Exporters and the complete list of files available for ordering. To subscribe, call (202) 482-1986, voice. Once registered, orders can be made online or with a 900 faxback service.

Export-Import Bank

(202) 566-4699 (modem)

System used by exporters, bankers and researchers interested in the export of United States goods and services. Files contain bank referral lists, country information and fees, bank board minutes, seminar schedules and PR. Information on the bank and its seminars is included in the bulletins.

FED FLASH

Federal Reserve Board
(800) 333-1953 or (214) 922-5199 (modem)

The Dallas region BBS for the Federal Reserve System. Regional and national economic, banking and financial statistics. Speeches, press releases, surveys. Data contained includes the Center for Los Angeles Economics, the greater Southwestern states and price indexes.

Federal Reserve Economic Data ☆☆

Federal Reserve System
(314) 621-1824 (modem)

Current economic and financial data, historical and current monetary and business values. Regional (Great Plains) data is also included.

FMS Inside Line

Department of the Treasury
(202) 874-6817 or (202) 874-6872 (modem)
ID: **GUEST CALLER** ; password: **browse**

From the Cash Management Division of Financial Management Services. Information on Inventory Management and related topics in government agencies. Locate catalogs of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA). Bulk data on census business, government and population reports, Bulletins on Treasury News, artificial intelligence, investment management and others. New: Bulletins of Asset Management Support, check forgery and insurance fund news, artificial intelligence in financial situations. Phone book listing of congressional and agency financial officers. Formerly the Inventory Line BBS.

KIMBERELY ☆☆

Federal Reserve—Bank of Minneapolis
(612) 340-2489 (modem)

Named for a summer intern who first set this up, this BBS contains daily financial data for the nation and the Ninth District of the Federal Reserve Bank system. Forecasts, securities auction results, bank directories, Federal Reserve information. Publications online include the Fedgazette newspaper, articles from regional magazines that are banking-related and agricultural credit conditions. Money facts and consumer finance statistics. Added biographies and speeches by Federal Banking officials.

Labor News ☆☆

Department of Labor
(202) 219-4784 (modem)

A tremendous amount of labor statistics, texts of relevant acts of Congress, testimony and speeches, indexes, trade data from a variety of labor-related agencies. OSHA software, news releases, job listings and fact sheets of the various agency programs.

Liberty Link

Federal Reserve—Bank of New York
(212) 720-2652 (modem)

File areas include foreign exchange rates, weekly bulletins of banking applicants, weekly monetary and reserve stats, embargoed press material, the 3:30 p.m. treasury quotes and market interest rates.

Office of Economic Conversion Information

Departments of Commerce and Defense
(800) 352-2949 (modem)

For communities, businesses and individuals affected by defense downsizing. A lot of information on economic and defense impacts, technology issues (adjusting to civilian sector), contacts and help guides, adjustment programs in states and the federal government.

Energy

EPUB

Energy Information Administration
Electronic Publishing System
Department of Energy
(202) 586-2557 (modem)
ID: your phone number

Reports of all kinds on various energy production resources (oil, gas, nuclear, etc.). Forecasts of usage as well as newsletters of the industry.

OSI BBS

Office of Statistics and Information BBS
Department of the Interior
(703) 787-1181 (modem)

From Interior's Mineral Management Services. Information on offshore oil and gas sales, operations and environmental studies for Alaska, the Atlantic, the Gulf of Mexico and the Pacific.

Environment

Drinking Water Exchange BBS (DWIE)

Environmental Protection Agency
(800) 932-7459 or (304) 293-7108 (modem)

This board from the National Drinking Water Clearinghouse offers regulations and research on the effects of contaminants in water. Will soon offer a bibliographic database.

Alternative Treatment Tech. Info. Center (ATTIC)

Environmental Protection Agency
(703) 908-2138 (modem)

Pollutant treatment information. Four databases, TTB (citations), RREL (Reliability, chemical information and treatments), Technical Assistance Division information and a calendar. All bio remediation forums and bulletins. Added UST, Oil and Chemical Spill Abstracts.

CLU-IN (The CleanUp Info. Bulletin Board)

Environmental Protection Agency
(301) 589-8366 (modem)

Groundwater contaminant information. Innovative treatments, various EPA newsletters and Federal Register summaries. A Hazardous Waste Collection database. Six special interest areas in groundwater and superfund topics. Commerce Business Daily and FRTR's plus newsletters.

CEAM BBS

Environmental Protection Agency
(706) 546-3402 (modem)

A distribution system for EPA exposure assessment software.

Region 10 BBS

Environmental Protection Agency
(206) 553-2241 (modem)

Seattle and northwest U.S. Files and conferences on Alaska, water, air, wetlands, education and more.

FEMA Hazardous Materials Information Exchange ☆☆

Federal Emergency Management Agency
(708) 972-3275 (modem)

Information on hazardous materials. Phone numbers for technical assistance. Educational materials on HazMats. Chemical databases, FEMA and DOT publications.

Gulfline BBS

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
(800) 235-4662 or (601) 688-2677 (modem)
(601) 688-1065 (voice)

An environmental database focusing primarily on the Gulf. Has several searchable databases including a specialists directory, EPA Toxic Release CD-ROM data, EPA and NOAA phone numbers, news articles and other text information. Over two dozen environmental message areas.

NPS BBS

Nonpoint Source Electronic Bulletin Board
Environmental Protection Agency
(301) 589-0205 (modem)

From the Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds, this board features a vast collection of EPA materials on large water areas and pollution. Many bulletins (e.g., fates of chemicals, modeling, bioindicators in NPS). Access to a nice collection of 35 environmental programs from Purdue (Purdue.zip). Environmental Network Newsletters and Clean Water Act Reauthorization materials. Charter from the Earth Summit. Doors lead to educational materials and NPS News Notes. SIGs are rather unusual, including agriculture issues, fish consumption, watershed restoration and others.

OAQPS Technology Transfer Network ☆☆

Environmental Protection Agency
(919) 541-5742 or (919) 541-1447 (modem)

A master gateway to 14 EPA BBSs. Formerly called the EPA BBS.

OEPC BBS

Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance BBS Department of the Interior
(202) 208-7119 (modem)

Message areas and files on water research, energy facilities, hazardous materials, National Park Service and National Capital Region, land and marine research, urban transportation, minerals and recycling. Formerly Office of Environmental Affairs OEA BBS.

Research and Development Electronic Bulletin Board

Environmental Protection Agency
(513) 569-7610 (modem)

From the Office of Research and Development (ORD), Science, Planning and Regional Evaluation, and the Center for Environmental Research Information. Message areas on expert systems, biotechnology, environmental monitoring and assurance programs. Software on water, soil and biotechnology. One Door to ORD bibliographic database, 15,000 ORD articles from 1976; another Door to midwest flood information. File areas include downloadable databases.

Pesticide Information Network BBS
Environmental Protection Agency
(703) 305-5919 (modem)
Settings: CAPS LOCK must be ON

A chemical information database focusing on pesticides. Pesticide monitoring, project compilations, restricted use products file.

Wastewater Treatment Info. Exchange
Environmental Protection Agency
(800) 544-1936 or (304) 293-5969 (modem)

Clearinghouse for National Small Flows Information. Water and wastewater information as well as problems and solutions relating to Wetlands.

Government Operations

Corporate Information Management BBS
Department of Defense
(800) 727-3618 or (703) 521-7289 (modem)

Helps DOD and other agencies in reducing operating expenses and costs and increasing effectiveness.

GEMI
GSA Electronic Management Information
General Services Administration
(202) 219-0132 (modem)

General repository for GSA information. Also links to three other GSA BBSs including the X.400—COCA system. It appears that this system is trying to become a GSA gateway.

Office of Federal Information Resources
General Services Administration
(202) 208-7484 (modem)

Applications of Delegation of Procurement, regulatory information, subject matter experts in GSA and acquisition contracts.

GAO/Office of Policy
General Accounting Office
(202) 512-4286 (modem)

Offers access to data of the GAO PC versions of the Status of Open Recommendations, audit policy guidelines and policy manuals. Also includes GAO trivia.

OCA BBS Document Exchange
Office of the Consumer Advocate
United States Postal Service
(202) 789-6891 (modem)

Makes documents, commission orders and opinions, library references and workpages accessible to the public. The nitty-gritty side of postal rates and operations.

Rapid Information BBS
United States Postal Service
(800) 262-9541 (modem)

If you want the public side of postal rates and news, try RIBBS. Access any kind of postal information; post questions on products and services.

EFS Bulletin Board
Internal Revenue Service
(202) 927-4180 (modem)

Use for electronic filing information, 1040PC forms and bulletins. Formerly the 1040 BBS.

Employer Info.
Social Security Administration
(410) 965-1133 (modem)

For employers who must file W-2s and W-3s. Users can also leave messages for the SSA and the IRS. Publications and the "Reporter" newsletter online. Useful FAQ files on social security numbers and tax filers. IRS publication files. Formerly known as the Annual Wage Reporting Bulletin Board System (AWRBBS).

Automated Library Info.Exchange (ALIX)
Library of Congress
(202) 707-4888 (modem)

Library Information Exchange Board contains library topics, federal job listings and various newsletters including FedLink Technical Notes. An exchange for innovative library and information center automation programs and problems. Some conference topics include OCLLC, CD-ROMs, Fedworld.

Information Systems Support BBS
Internal Revenue Service
(202) 219-9977 or (202) 219-9995 (modem)

Mostly for IRS Information System personnel. Quality control. Now has relevant FidoNet conferences and IRS forms available as PDF files. Formerly called the BXR Information Corner.

CASUCOM
General Services Administration
(202) 653-7516, 2400 bps
(202) 501-7707, 14.4 Kbps

A cooperative administrative support group. Interesting to watch interagency reaction but not much for the general public. Has added some telecommuting material and photocopier cost management conferences.

Federal Deficit Reduction Bulletin Board
(202) 225-5527 (modem) ✂

Sysop is Congressman Gary Condit of California. Anonymous messages can be left about government waste or corruption. Formerly the Whistleblower BBS.

Federal Bulletin Board
Government Printing Office
(202) 512-1387 (modem)
To establish a deposit account for ordering documents:
(202) 512-1530 (voice)

Must be validated for document downloads which cost $2 for small files and up to $21 for a megabyte. Files include data on Congress and agencies, the CFR, the White House, the courts. SIGs include Departments of State and Energy, Title 40 information, FDA, EPA and Federal Register Citations.

Magnetic Media Bulletin Board System
Internal Revenue Service
(215) 516-7625 (modem)

Electronic filing system for the Philadelphia Service Center. Get publications and forms 1041, 1040NR, 941E and others, and upload if you are qualified.

OPM Mainstreet BBS
Office of Personnel Management
(202) 606-4800 (modem)

If a prize were awarded for the best government BBS, this one would win hands down! Abundant information includes Internet newsgroups like **news.groups, misc.jobs.offered, alt.politics.clinton, comp.sys, alt.bbs and bitnet.listserv hierarchies**. Listservs include Americans Communicating Electronically, EMPLOY, Human Resources, Reinventing Government and WHDOC. FQI newsletters and documents, message areas, conference and training notices. Info for the disabled and veterans. Links to six other OPM BBSs, all federal job boards. Formerly Federal Quality Institute BBS.

Information Reporting Program (IRP) BBS
Internal Revenue Service
(304) 263-2749 (modem)

For filing 1042S tax returns. Contains downloaded files relevant to electronic filing, including 1099, 1098 and W2-Gs, bulletins on the Martinsburg Operations center and other government BBSs. Users can also e-mail questions to the Social Security Administration.

The Ethics BBS
Office of Government Ethics
(202) 523-1186 (modem)

Want to know the rules? Bulletins and files on ethics regulations, opinions, memoranda to executive branch departmental officials, education and training information.

Property Management BBS
Department of the Interior
(303) 969-5183 (modem)

Used by Interior departments to exchange property (desks, computers, etc.) without having to expend funds.

PCBULL
Department of Health and Human Services
(301) 480-8400 (modem)

Mainly for National Institute of Health personnel. Training news and schedules, NIH calendar of events, some general conferences. Formerly the Personal Computing Branch BBS.

Office of Budget, Planning & Organization
Department of Commerce
(202) 482-1423 (modem) ✂

Primarily for internal communications. Has current abstracts events and schedules for Offices of Program Planning and Evaluation, Management and Organization, and Budget, with personnel listings and calendars.

State and Local Emergency Management Data Users Group BBS
Federal Emergency Management Agency
(202) 646-2887 (modem)

Information about and for emergency situations. Fire, EMS, OSHA, terrorism, natural disasters. Has a county database and several related newsletter files. An interesting find here is electronic tax filing software. Fifteen local conferences, 19 conferences from RIME and 22 from Emergenet.

I.R.S. Statistics of Income Division
Internal Revenue Service
(202) 874-9574 (modem)

Taxpayer statistical information is in the miles and miles of files and files! State by state migration, data from each state, boycott studies and individual, corporation, sole proprietor and partnership stats.

Public Bulletin Board System of the Surety Bond Branch
Department of the Treasury
(202) 874-7214 (modem)

Duplicates the department Circular 570. Lists the companies holding certificates of authority as accepted sureties on federal bonds and as acceptable reinsuring companies and all supplements to the Circular. Users can view these bond companies and download the circular and its supplements.

Jobs

AVADS BBS

Automated Vacancy Announcement Distribution System Department of the Interior
(800) 368-3321 (modem)

Want to work in the parks? Search this database for information about getting a job working out in the wild. You must find a bureau code and announcement number in order to get details.

Census Vacancy BBS

Department of Commerce
(301) 763-4574 (modem)

Formerly the Census Bureau Personnel Division BBS, this board has expanded from just an e-mail center for applicants and job specialists. It now has position descriptions, vacancy listings, pay scales and an Interview Simulator.

DoDIGNet Inspector General's BBS

Department of Defense
(703) 604-5768 (modem) ✂

From the Human Resources Development Directorate, this board features job announcements and training information in the Inspector General's office.

OPM FedJobs Board (NJ/Philly Region) ☆☆

Office of Personnel Management
(215) 580-2216 (modem)

Job-related conferences and lots of federal job listings and information. Well done welcome screen flag and menu graphics. Seven Door programs let you search with hypertext for federal jobs by region, merit promotions, training courses and job description. General how-to-apply information and exemplary personnel department practices.

Federal Job Information Center—Chicago Region Bulletin Board

Office of Personnel Management
(313) 226-4423 (modem)

Based in Detroit covering most of the Midwestern states. Features job postings, descriptions and an automated SF-171 form needed to apply for government jobs.

Federal Jobline

Los Angeles Service Center
Office of Personnel Management

(818) 575-6521 (modem)

Offers federal job information, locality pay scales and service providers to the disabled.

OPM PayPerNet BBS

Office of Personnel Management
(202) 606-1876, 2400 bps
(202) 606-2675, 9600 bps

Title 5 information. Job classification and pay scale definitions.

Federal Job Opportunity Board (FJOB) ☆☆

Office of Personnel Management
(912) 757-3100 (modem)
Internet: telnet to **fjob.mail.opm.gov.**

The FJOB BBS features agency recruitment notices, a searchable database and a message area for jobs wanted, resumes and job notices. POSH offers staffing, veteran information and affirmative action recruitment for OPM.

SBA BBS

Small Business Administration
(800) 697-4636 (modem)

SBA information and services. Publications, business files, mailboxes for business topic questions. Addresses for SBA and disaster relief offices. Soon to have Internet e-mail and relevant newsgroups. Because of costs and high usage, shareware business programs now must be accessed by the 900 modem line above at $.30 cents for the first minute and $.10 cents per additional minute.

Law

Electronic Dissemination of Opinions System (EDOS)

U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia
(202) 273-0269, 2400 bps
(202) 219-9600, 9600 bps
Login: **bbs**

Court documents for the District Court sitting in the District of Columbia.

Third Circuit BBS

Federal Court System
(215) 597-1871 (modem)

Covering Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey. Publishes opinions, panel assignments, Courts of Appeals rules and guidelines, forms and procedural information.

Public Access to Court Electronic Records (Fourth Circuit)

Electronic Dissemination of Opinions System (EDOS) Federal Court System
(804) 771-2028 (modem)
login: **: bbs** ; password: <Return> key

PACER is docket information, the history of cases at the court. EDOS is the decision database—recent opinions, calendar of the court, rules and notices.

Appellate Court Electronic Service (ACES)

Federal Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
(415) 744-9022 (modem)
Login and password: **bbs**

Opinions to 1992 (generally files up to 50K in size), bankruptcies, upcoming session calendars, court rules (files in the hundreds of Ks!). San Francisco area.

Electronic Bulletin Board of Judicial Opinions

Eastern District of Pennsylvania
(215) 597-0646 (modem)

Another EDOS system with recent opinions online.

United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

Electronic Dissemination of Opinions System (EDOS) Federal Court System

(617) 223-4640 or (617) 223-9057 (modem)
Login: **bbs**

Opinions, docket record back to 1991, local rules, calendar, Supreme Court decisions.

United States Court of Appeals Fifth Judicial Circuit

Electronic Dissemination of Opinions System
(504) 589-6851, 2400 bps
(504) 589-6850, 9600 bps

Like the First Circuit but less of it. Better software operation.

CITE Electronic Bulletin Board (Sixth Circuit)

Federal Court System
(513) 684-2840 (modem)

The Court Information Transmitted Electronically system. Cases in the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. Docket information on individual cases; full text of newly filed opinions. Oral argument calendar. Local court rules and internal operations. Helps to know court case numbers or names.

Federal Register Electronic News Delivery (FREND)

National Archives and Records Administration
(202) 275-0920 or (202) 275-1538 (modem)

Lists of public laws that have been signed by the president and given numbers (only summaries, not full text). Also documents placed into the public record by agencies and departments. Table of contents files for the Federal Register.

Navy Justice School BBS

Department of the Navy
(401) 841-3990 or (401) 841-4134 (modem)

Many good legal files, including texts of naval and environmental law and study guides.

SEARCH-BBS

Bureau of Justice Statistics ☆☆
(916) 392-4640 (modem)

A fine system! Message areas on law and policy, research and statistics, technology training. Highest message counts in Internet areas! Vendor areas for purveyors of criminal justice software. Databases of BBSs, training consultants. Publications include FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, LEMAS, National Institute of Justice and Bureau of Justice material, Supreme Court decisions and others. An Automated Index of criminal justice information systems includes agency profiles and public domain software in CJIS. Co-sponsored by SEARCH, an organization interested in policy studies, statistical analysis and exploration of new technologies and information systems for criminal justice and law enforcement personnel.

Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals Bulletin Board

Federal Court System
(312) 408-5176 (modem)

Court dockets available 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekdays. Opinions online. Users need to leave a comment for the sysop for full validation and use.

Medical Sciences

BHP BBS

Bureau of Health Professionals
Department of Health and Human Services
(301) 443-5913 (modem)

General BBS for various workers in the health field. Files for nurses, students, geriatric educators. A database of general practitioners useful for travelers or people moving to a new location. Lots of helpful phone numbers.

Quick Facts BBS

Department of Health and Human Services
(202) 289-4112 (modem)

Funded by DHHS through a private corporation, this board lists data on alcoholism "after the fact" for researchers and epidemiologists.

PREVline
Department of Health and Human Services
(301) 770-0850 (modem)

National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information. Catalog of prevention "before the fact" materials and order forms can be downloaded. Material on violence prevention resources is also included.

The FDA Electronic Bulletin Board ☆☆
Food and Drug Administration
(800) 222-0185 or (301) 594-6849 (modem)
Login: **bbs** (after selecting **FDA BBS**)
Internet: telnet to **fdabbs.fda.gov**

Very good source of information. News releases, Drug and Device Product Approvals, Drug Bulletin texts and articles, consumer magazine index to FDA stories, Federal Register summaries, FDA testimony and speeches. A lot of AIDS information.

Office of the Assistant Secretary of Health
Health and Human Services
(202) 690-5423 (modem)

Message areas and files for many health programs including women's health issues, Office of Population Affairs, Surgeon General, Center for Disease Control, Indian Health, FDA, NIH and a major library of AIDS files. Connects with the White House HIV/AIDS Policy BBS and four Fidonet AIDS echos.

The National Biological Impact Assessment Program (NBIAP)
Department of Agriculture
(703) 231-3858, 2400 bps
(800) 624-2723, 14.4 Kbps
Internet: telnet to **nbiap.biochem.vt.edu**

Curious about bovine growth hormones in your food? Check out this BBS. The board's purpose is to "facilitate safe evaluation of genetically modified organisms in the environment, focused on advanced research and monitoring of research in biotechnology." Features 17 searchable databases, monthly news reports. New offerings include agency regulations as files, plus University of Wisconsin listserv mailings.

Miscellaneous

PermaNet BBS
Department of State
(703) 715-9832 (modem)

The State Department uses this private board as the BBS of its U.S. Agency for International Development. Many Usenet newsgroups. Clearinghouse of Development Communications. Sysop is an ardent fan of Lunar and Near Earth Asteroid exploitation, and there is much here on the subject.

RSABBS
Rehabilitation Services Administration
(202) 205-5574, 2400 bps
(202) 401-6147, 14.4 Kbps

For people interested in programs funded under the Rehabilitation and Randolph Sheppard Acts (i.e., vocational rehabilitation, independent living, supported employment and other programs).

GAO Watchdog
General Accounting Office
(202) 371-2455 (modem)

Think you've spotted some government waste? You can leave anonymous messages here. Ideas for cutting expenditures are also welcome.

Navy Leadership Policy Bulletin Board (NLPBB)
Department of the Navy
(800) 582-2355, (800) 582-6940 or
(703) 695-6388 (modem)

General interest news and information from the navy and marines. Speeches and testimony too. Graphics files of the *Navy News* are also included.

United States Patent and Trademark Office
(703) 305-8950 (modem)

See if someone beat you to it! This BBS offers easy access to weekly issues of *Patent Data*, the *Official Gazette of the Patent Office*, news bulletins, directory info, brochures, and products and services information. You can search for patent titles, abstracts and classifications.

ACF BBS ☆☆
Administration for Children and Families
Department of Health and Human Services
(202) 401-5800 (modem)

If it has something to do with children or families, you will find it in this BBS. Child care, child abuse, head start, welfare programs AFDC, grants and more.

Consular Affairs BBS (CABB) ☆☆
Department of State
(202) 647-9225 (modem)

Highly useful BBS. Travel advisories, passport information, visa instructions for aliens, types of overseas aid available for Americans in trouble and overseas security incident reports.

Consumer Information Center BBS
General Services Administration
(202) 208-7679 (modem)

A useful application of BBS technology. Remember those television ads for free publications from the government? Well, here are descriptions of the 200 main products. Press releases are also included. File areas feature the releases, radio scripts, federal information, CIC, miscellaneous publications and Spanish media materials.

ED Board
Department of Education
(202) 260-9950 (modem)

Educational grants and contract services. Documents, announcements, "Doing Business with the U.S. Government" booklet, RFPs, bidder's list.

HUD News and Events Bulletin Board
Department of Housing and Urban Development
(202) 708-3460 (modem)

Specifically for the news media. Current news items and archives. Survey of mortgage lending, the HUD secretary's public schedule, testimony, program fact sheets, biographies.

Library of Congress News Service
Library of Congress
(202) 707-3854 or (202) 707-3857 (modem) ✂

Everything you want to know about the Library of Congress. Hundreds ofbulletins include news items for the media, public exhibition details, publication listings, jobs at the library. No bibliographic database availabilities. LC announcements appear here two weeks before printing.

NIH Information Center ☆☆
National Institutes of Health
(800) 644-2271 or (301) 480-5144 (modem)

A great medical research locator service! Helps you find 800-numbers for NIH information (NIH is a collection of governmental medical research laboratories). Bulletins include information on NIH grants and contracts, medical libraries, technology transferring, the NIH organizational list, the Office of Recombinant DNA Activities. Instructions for online dental research. Files include an index of NIH publications on diseases, symptoms and biological systems under research, free publications that can be ordered, PR, news, NIH stats and maps, general full-text medical articles and NIH columns from the Journal of the American Medical Association.

NIST "FedWorld" BBS ☆☆
Department of Commerce
(703) 321-8020 (modem)
Internet: telnet to **fedworld.gov** or **fedworld.doc.gov**

The closest thing to front end government BBSs! FedWorld links 130 government BBSs together, some of which are available only on FedWorld. White House press releases are online as well as job information. Foreign broadcast news accounts and government statistics loaded daily. This is the government BBS! A marketplace of products for sale and FAQs on the InfoCenter are also included. Weather satellite images.

Accessing other BBSs through Fedworld may occasionally be difficult with mismatches between modem speeds or settings. Significant slowdowns or missed characters upon input can cause operator "stress," particularly if coming to FedWorld via telnet rather than direct dial.

NIST/NCSL Data Management Info. Exchange
Department of Commerce
(301) 948-2048 (modem) upon connection: hit <Return> key twice slowly

Text files on National Institute of Standards and Technoloy publications. Discusses programming languages, databases and GIS systems. Surprisingly antiquated service for a government technical center.

NIST Building and Fire Research Laboratory Bulletin Board
Department of Commerce
(301) 990-2272 (modem)
Internet: ftp to **candela.cfr.nist.gov**

A very small BBS focusing on building and fire research. Before getting files from the Internet, call the board for a list of files that are available.

Regulatory

Cleanup Standards Outreach
Environmental Protection Agency
(800) 700-7837 (modem)

This board helps you understand and comply with environmental regulations on radionuclides.

Decommissioning Rulemaking Bulletin Board
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
(800) 880-6091 (modem)

Public access and comment point for decommissioning rulemaking on nuclear power plants. Files, comments from workshops, staff drafts.

National Telecommunications and Info. Administration

Department of Commerce
(202) 482-1199 (modem)

How the FCC allocates frequencies for television, radio, cellulars. Find all the latest information, drafts, allocations, legislative actions and even NII data here.

Export License Status Advisor BBS

Department of Defense
(703) 604-5902 (modem)

Useful only for checking on your export license status (via a door program).

FCC Common Carrier/Industry Analysis BBS

Federal Communications Commission
(202) 632-1361 (modem)
Internet: ftp to **ftp.fcc.gov**

Where the FCC and the public can share information on telecommunication regulation. Contains online copies of the FCC Daily Digests and ARMIS. Also known as FCC StateLink BBS.

EPA Region IV Water Management BBS

Environmental Protection Agency
(404) 347-1767 (modem) ✂

Managed by the Technology Transfer Unit. Storm water and drinking water regulations. Publications list, spreadsheets and program descriptions.

Science-Technology

U.S. Bureau of Mines

Department of the Interior
(202) 501-0373 (modem)

Interested in Mother Earth's cupboards? This board covers research, development and information analysis of the mineral industry—both domestic and international. A good source for those people who want their information two to four weeks ahead of printed mailings. Newsbriefs, publication lists, commerce data technology transfer news. Also databases on minerals, county and regional information. Lots of commodity Lotus worksheets. Also includes specialists listings. A fun area: Abandoned mines research!

National Weather Service Climate Analysis Center

Department of Commerce
(301) 899-1174 (modem)
For an account: (301) 443-8220 (voice) or register online. To sample the system: hit <Return> until connected.
ID and password: **SAMPLE**

A cumbersome, fee-based system: $30 to register plus $116 to $1,452 a year and $1 a minute. Detailed files and listings of climatological data for virtually any location.

Coastal BBS

Ocean Chemistry Division
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
(305) 361-4524 (modem)

Alerts oceanographers and marine scientists to developments in oceanographic research. Software of interest to marine scientists and news from NOAA.

Marine Data BBS

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
(301) 443-7637 (modem)

Database to locate charts: wrecks, sedimentation, airports, nautical sales agents. Loran to GPS conversion programs.

Computer Security BBS

Department of Commerce
(301) 948-5717 or (301) 948-5718, 2400 bps
(301) 948-5140, 9600 bps
Internet: telnet to **cs-bbs.ncsl.nist.gov** or ftp to **csrc.ncsl.nist.gov**

Encourages the sharing of information that will help users and managers better protect data and systems. NIST publications and newsletters online, interagency publications, virus reviews. Undergoing renovations with expansion in Sepember 1994.

NIST ISDN BBS

Department of Commerce
(301) 869-7281 or (301) 975-5685 (modem)
Settings: VT100

Anything you'd ever want to know about ISDN, but the board's operating system is difficult.

Space and Astronomy

JPL Information BBS ☆☆

Jet Propulsion Laboratory
(818) 354-1333 (modem)

A space archive. File areas include educational guides to space topics, GIFs, mission and probe information, NASA/JPL news, space-related software (mostly viewers) and issues of JPL's *Universe* magazine.

NODIS

NASA
(301) 286-9000 or (301) 286-9500 (modem)
Settings: VT100 and 8N1

Upon connection: hit <Return> one to three times slowly until connected. Enter number: **NSSDCA** At the next prompt: **NSSDC** or **NODIS.**

Access to the many astronomical data files kept by NASA. NODIS is the National Space Science Data Center—Online Data and Information Service.

Space Environment Laboratory BBS

National Oceanograph and Atmospheric Admin.
(303) 497-5000 (modem)

Solar and geophysical information. The place to be for sunspot, auroral and near-earth environmental conditions and forecasts.

Spacelink

NASA
(205) 895-0028 (modem)
ID and password: **NEWUSER** for guests

For teachers and other people interested in space. No messaging except to NASA. Replies by snailmail or private message. Press releases, educational ideas. Shuttle flight information now on system.

Transportation

Navigation Information Service Bulletin

Board Department of Transportation
(703) 313-5910 (modem)

General radio navigation information. Bulletins, message areas and time differences data. Includes solar geophysical conditions, Loran and Global Position System updates and values. Local notes to mariners available but, since it was formerly the Coast Guard GPS Information Center, the new board's supply of data is limited.

Federal Highway Electronic BBS

Department of Transportation
(202) 366-3764, 2400 bps
(202) 366-3175, 9600 bps

Conferences on contracts and procurements, including requests for procurement announcements. Policy information includes motor fuel statistics, funding, research. Safety and system applications. Open message forum on FHA programs.

MARlinespike BBS

Maritime Administration
Department of Transportation
(202) 366-8505 (modem)

Bulletins and bulletins. MARAD, Carriers (and their schedules and fees), shipyards, sales leads.

Navinfonet

Department of Defense
(301) 227-4424(modem)
Settings: VT100, 7E1
For account: (301) 227-3296 (voice)

If you're into the shipping business, this board's for you. Lists of navigation lights, offshore drilling positions, chart corrections and areas where you'd better not sail!

TAP-IN

Federal Transit Administration and Department of Health and Human Services
(202) 628-2537 (modem)

The community transportation industry's BBS. Regulatory news, updates on legislative activities, accessibility issues, funding opportunities. Classifieds conference.

Water Line BBS

Army Corps of Engineers
(703) 355-8532, 2400 bps
(703) 355-8528, 9600 bps

Navigation Data Center. Reports on navigation, dredging, locks, waterborne commerce.

BBS Spotlight

AuthorsNet

Writers have marked their place in cyberspace. The **AuthorsNet**, a BBS network, offers conferences, files and information for every type of writer in the book. For starters, fiction, romance, westerns, mystery, science fiction and children's authors can put their stories online to be critiqued by their peers in AuthorsNet's Online Critique Conference. Additionally, the board carries a contact list of writers' clubs and societies across the country.

Another AuthorsNet conference, The Never Ending Story, provides a chance for you to let the creative juices flow, right online. Add on to a story started by other AuthorsNet users by introducing new characters, putting a twist in the plot,or whatever you like . . . but keep it clean.

You don't have to be a writer to enjoy and use the AuthorsNet. A monthly newsletter written by AuthorsNet sysops Sandra and Michael Greenwood, has sections dedicated to desktop and electronic publishers. Avid readers can peruse the Book Reviews conference or look for an out-of-print book through a search service.

BBSs that are members of AuthorsNet usually carry some, but not all, of the network's conferences. Each member BBS has its own unique services and specialties. The Northwest Literary BBS in Beaverton, Oregon, (503-644-8223, modem) allows publications to solicit submissions from writers and journalists. In addition, an ongoing writing course taught by a professor is available.

Log onto the Palindrome in Dallas, Texas (214-437-2734, modem) for a friendly, message-oriented board. File seekers should look elsewhere. People are encouraged to participate in local chat areas. Plus, publishers and editors can review the manuscripts of NW writers and independent booksellers can find the latest published works.

Local conferences, which are run by BBS members of AuthorsNet but not by AuthorsNet itself, are a wonderful way for writers to keep each other abreast of activities in their writing community. But often these local conferences don't contain heavy traffic. Look around other AuthorsNet BBS members for further writing resources. High Mesa Publishing in Los Lunas, New Mexico, (505-865-8385, modem), supports EPNet, a network dedicated to electronic publishing.

This list was compiled by Sandra Greenwood, AuthorsNet BBS, (513) 848-4288, modem.

House Of TAI	(204) 261-7820	14,400
Palindrome	(214) 437-2734	14,400
LOGON Philadelphia	(215) 572-8240	14,400
The Digital Bookshelf	(301) 890-0686	14,400
The Busted Flush	(302) 323-0176	14,400
Mother's Kitchen II	(404) 734-9934	14,400
The Puffin's Nest	(410) 437-3463	14,400
Writers Biz	(412) 588-7863	14,400
COM-DAT	(503) 681-0543	14,400
Northwest Literary	(503) 644-8223	14,400
High Mesa Publishing	(505) 865-8385	14,400
The Mad Board	(505) 437-4077	14,400
Solatium	(512) 575-1585	14,400
AuthorsNet HQ	(513) 848-4288	14,400
Star Trek BBS	(513) 294-5270	14,400
My Candy Store	(513) 236-4954	14,400
Silicon Garden	(516) 736-6662	14,400
The Oak Vortex	(603) 878-1042	14,400
Revision Systems	(609) 896-3256	14,400
The Party of One	(613) 745-3947	14,400
Grace & Danger	(613) 836-4789	14,400
LIFTOFF! Systems	(613) 567-6011	14,400
Stronghold BBS	(614) 436-4423	14,400
Star Spawn BBS	(616) 983-1834	14,400
The Darkroom	(618) 345-3663	14,400
Playground II	(619) 940-6319	14,400
Mel's Place	(703) 670-8328	14,400
Delta Omicron Mu	(703) 378-2129	14,400
Jaguar BBS	(706) 737-1653	14,400

Transportation Plus	(712) 255-0784	14,400
Goldfinger's BBS	(713) 983-0604	14,400
The Lost Child	(803) 669-6571	14,400
Rivendell	(904) 573-9224	14,400
The Basement	(904) 376-8835	14,400
Ruby's Joint	(904) 777-6799	14,400
Lands of Calaeryn	(918) 438-7837	14,400

USPolNet

Don't miss online users debating about Rush Limbaugh, Ross Perot, "Billary" Clinton and health care reform. The **USPolNet** provides a forum for nationwide discussions on political figures, the environment, radical ideas, crime, news and current events, and libertarian views. USPolNet is the only network with specific political discussion areas, allowing you to specialize in the topics of most interest to you.

The Inner Sanctum in the Tampa Bay area (813-848-6055, modem), a member BBS of USPolNet, depends heavily on the network for lively debate. Sysop Rob Marlowe explains, "We carry the USPolNet because it gives the small number of politically active local users a much broader arena for discussion." But one area of high local interest for The Inner Sanctum users is the BBS's Voting Booth, which allows users to vote on upcoming Florida-area elections and amendments.

Residents of South Carolina have an alternative to USPolNet in SCNet, a BBS network dealing with state and local political issues in South Carolina. Eleven cities in the state have a node carrying the conference. It is available on 40 bulletin boards in Charleston and 19 BBSs in Columbia. Local politicans log on to discuss issues with constituents and answer their questions. (Contact CompuTech at 803-821-9600, modem, in Charleston, or CrossRoads at 803-957-7077, modem, in Columbia.)

Neither SCNet nor USPolNet is party-affiliated. (According to Marlowe, a majority of USPolNet users are conservative Republicans or independents.) But we did come across one Republican BBS (303-832-8311). Libertarians can try logging on to a BBS supported by the Libertarian Party of Connecticut, by dialing (203) 257-1960.

This list was compiled by Joe Ross from the People Power BBS at (914) 878-3112, modem.

The Planet Earth	(203) 335-7742	9600
Mission Funhouse Echo's	(203) 374-9367	9600
Excalibur's BBS	(203) 738-0025	9600
BillBoard BBS	(205) 832-9498	9600
McMaster Software Services	(205) 285-4728	9600
J & J OnLine	(205) 457-5901	9600
Informed Sources	(212) 281-9478	9600
VetLink #38 MailRoom	(214) 424-5910	9600
ParticleBoard	(214) 423-3292	9600
Desktop	(214) 727-8028	9600
The Beacon	(214) 881-7585	9600
Infinite Darkness	(305) 792-8716	9600
Mother's Kitchen II	(404) 734-9934	9600
VetLink #58	(405) 355-0322	9600
357 Magnum	(405) 536-5032	9600
Compu-Link II BBS	(407) 240-7952	9600
Radi Shourbaji	(408) 435-2886	9600
Hermes BBS	(409) 823-4442	9600
Artemis Lair BBS	(602) 932-9243	9600
Central Intelligence Apparatus	(602) 730-5567	9600
The Super Nova	(602) 870-3929	9600
The Living Dead	(602) 493-7557	2400
Last Chance Hideaway	(602) 973-8507	9600
Crazy BBS	(602) 948-6963	9600
United We Stand America BBS	(602) 459-0013	9600
America Speaks	(615) 899-6400	9600
The Communication Connection	(615) 629-0105	9600
River Canyon Rd. BBS	(615) 886-2521	9600
The Service Center BBS	(704) 256-3230	9600
NorthWest Hickory BBS	(704) 326-7051	9600
The Personal Touch BBS	(704) 545-1380	9600
The Mounties BBS	(704) 393-7338	9600
Promenade/2	(704) 393-1093	9600
Senior Support BBS	(704) 537-0287	9600
Lanworks BBS	(706) 549-2772	9600
The Shrine of Darkness	(706) 549-6134	9600
Wits End BBS	(716) 288-1474	9600
Telegraph Road	(719) 390-8608	9600
Lone Peak BBS	(801) 967-6883	9600
MySTery BBS	(803) 556-9730	9600
Dazed and Confused BBS	(803) 873-5797	9600
Suncoast City BBS	(813) 953-5505	9600
FLWG-CAP Operations BBS	(813) 750-9051	9600
Inner Sanctum BBS	(813) 848-6055	9600
Quantum Leap BBS	(813) 848-7363	9600

Spatula City BBS	(817) 461-4003	9600
The Blue Planet	(817) 569-0946	9600
The Inter-Phase	(904) 636-0144	9600
Twenty-One Club	(904) 733-5405	9600
DBA Computer Software Solutions	(904) 272-5915	9600
BadBoyz	(904) 777-0778	9600
Panther BBS	(904) 626-4947	9600
ShadowNet	(904) 272-7350	9600
The Portside BBS	(904) 223-3185	9600
The Bounty BBS	(904) 786-4176	9600
Yellow 10-E Genealogy BBS	(904) 269-6904	2400
The Congressional BBS	(912) 929-3762	9600
People Power BBS	(914) 878-3112	9600
Hudson Valley BBS	(914) 876-1540	9600
Poughkeepsie Hub	(914) 452-4753	9600
Rifle Range	(914) 452-4753	9600
JO JO's BBS	(914) 338-2143	9600

IGA_Net

Search no more for an easier way to track your ancestory. **IGA_Net (International Genealogy Association Network)** member BBSs offer a myriad of downloadable software programs and conferences to help novice and expert genealogists in their searches. The central hub for IGA_Net, which supports 48 echoes in places such as the Far East, New Zealand, Russia, Europe and the U.S., is Jack's Emporium in Fredericksburg, Virginia,(703-373-8215, modem). Log on to Jack's for cemetery inventorying programs, which tell you who's in what cemetery.

The Colonial Family Research BBS of Lansing, Michigan, (517-882-0717, modem) runs the Tafel Management System. This system matches your name and background description with others' by going through all computers in the system storing that information. The system then tells you which BBS has a match for you so you can contact this person.

On Tracks from the Past, an Alabama BBS (205-237-6074, modem), you can download a shareware program called *Brothers Keeper*. If you're new to genealogy, this is the program for you. It enables you to easily look up someone by surname, counts the number of descendants of a person and lists surnames in the database. Also, use this program to write your book once you've completed your search. You can scan in photos and write text.

If you're looking around for more genealogy programs, you may want to try C-A-T-C-H Resources in Oak Creek, Wis. (414-761-9494, modem, or 414-761-2582, modem). With 6,000 files of programs, sysop John Wells boasts that he has the largest number available of any genealogy BBS.

This list was compiled by Jack Williams, Jack's Emporium (703) 373-8215, modem.

The Wacko Board	(203) 384-2453	9600
Tracks from the Past	(205) 237-6074	9600
Unitex Genealogy	(214) 264-5118	9600
Valhalla Maximus	(403) 791-2003	9600
Family Keeper	(406) 727-0826	9600
C.A.T.C.H. Resources	(414) 761-2582	9600
Northwest Ohio Roots	(419) 387-7393	9600
Lost Connection	(502) 968-3043	9600
Fort Z BBS	(516) 731-1094	9600
Colonial Family Research	(517) 882-0717	9600
Dennis' Emporium	(602) 645-8167	9600
Metchosin Castle	(604) 478-7678	9600
Talk Show	(615) 875-0885	9600
Analog Man	(619) 497-0113	9600
Jack's Emporium	(703) 373-8215	9600
Moosabi Optics Ink	(704) 541-9842	9600
Summit Searchlight	(814) 886-2563	9600
River City Roots	(904) 384-1407	9600
Alpha City	(905) 579-6302	9600
GeneSplicer	(913) 648-6979	9600

Gay and Lesbian BBSs

The gay and lesbian community can find information, support and entertainment in the online world with hundreds of BBSs nationwide dedicated to homosexuality.

Risqilly BBS in Lombard, Illinios (708-495-6609, modem) offers the full list of gay and lesbian boards. Risqilly sysop Billy Kennedy first started the board in Connecticut as a way to deliver the list to a larger audience. Now Kennedy's board includes games, files, Chicago-area gay and lesbian resources and message areas.

Prominent on numerous gay and lesbian boards is information about AIDS. AIDS INFO is a public service provided by Fog City BBS in California (415-863-9697, modem). Through this service, users can read and send AIDS conference messages, view bibliographic abstracts and learn more about the disease through newsletters. Risqilly BBS provides information on the free and anonymous HIV testing sites in the 708 area code.

Some of the BBSs provide dating services and meeting areas for their users. Users can log on to South Shore Secrets (401-822-0621, modem) for an offline dating service. Or, step into the Dew Drop Inn BBS in Chicago (312-274-2343, modem). Here users will find The Lobby for general chat topics, The Bar and Grille for introductions to other users, and The Stage for storytelling and jokes. In addition, Dew Drop Inn gives users access to read and send messages on FidoNet, Internet and Pridenet. A majority of the conferences are related to homosexuality topics.

For the avid game players, try out one of the first gay and lesbian computer games published (for Macintosh only). Caper in the Castro, which is available on Fog City BBS, has graphics, text, animation and sound.

Billy Kennedy, Risqilly BBS (708) 495-6609, modem, compiled this list.

Cockpit	(202) 728-0055	14,400
First Impressions	(203) 667-9666	14,400
Emerald City	(203) 934-0026	9600
Ban-Aids	(205) 264-8090	2400
Southern Stallion	(205) 322-3816	14,400
Torch Song	(205) 328-1517	9600
Byte Me!	(205) 979-2983	14,400
The Room Next Door	(206) 223-8763	14,400
Lighthouse	(206) 241-6527	14,400
STAGE	(206) 286-8047	2400
Man Hole	(206) 322-2246	14,400
S&M Connection	(206) 324-2121	2400
Paradise Lost	(206) 365-7435	2400
Beyond The Grave	(206) 433-7652	14,400
Paul's Waka Waka	(206) 783-7979	14,400
Pride Line	(206) 788-2230	14,400
Bubba's	(206) 854-0896	2400
Emerald Onramp	(206) 860-9766	14,400
Rendezvous	(206) 860-1557	14,400
The Mall	(206) 935-6255	2400
Lambda World (GSN)	(210) 646-7061	14,400
Virtual Exchange	(212) 267-5030	14,400
Communication Special	(212) 645-8756	14,400
Bears Cave	(212) 677-7426	2400
Male Stop	(212) 721-4180	2400
Wild Side	(213) 461-9899	14,400
GLADD LA	(213) 658-6516	2400
Luv Conection	(213) 663-6886	2400
Starchat	(213) 849-4048	2400
Dallas Chat Line	(214) 954-6900	2400
Dallas Alt Lifestyles	(214) 954-6969	2400
LamClub Philadelphia	(215) 626-7398	2400
Flying PcAt	(301) 206-9162	14,400
Honey Board	(301) 933-1655	9600
QueerCom	(302) 323-0535	14,400
Lambda Cove	(303) 322-5466	2400
The Rain Forest	(303) 394-2155	14,400
Denver Exchange	(303) 623-4965	2400
Welcome Home	(303) 839-8665	2400
The Network	(303) 861-7528	14,400
Closet BBS	(305) 522-4443	2400
Board With No Name	(310) 274-9544	2400
Delos	(310) 274-0585	14,400
Thor's International	(310) 289-0345	2400
Modem Boy	(310) 659-7000	2400
Thunderbolt	(312) 248-0109	2400
After the Bars	(312) 262-3626	2400
Dew Drop Inn	(312) 274-2343	14,400
Talamasca	(312) 334-9092	14,400
10% Connection	(312) 478-0419	9600
Cellar	(312) 581-1180	2400
The Zoo	(312) 743-9791	2400
I&E System Of Chicago	(312) 751-9194	2400
Orgasm	(312) 772-2452	2400
MAHIE	(312) 772-5958	14,400
Phone Booth	(312) 774-9631	9600
Wlag "The G-Spot"	(312) 778-5826	14,400
The Aviary	(314) 544-2569	14,400
Metro	(314) 780-2282	14,400
Land of Awes	(316) 269-4208	2400
Love Connection	(317) 236-6740	2400
South Shore Secrets	(401) 822-0621	9600
Ten Forward	(403) 424-3258	9600
The Beast	(403) 433-3787	14,400
Trash Shack	(404) 320-0026	14,400
The Logic Board	(404) 325-8476	2400
Manor II	(404) 432-8330	9600

No Frills BBS	(404) 435-9608	14,400
1st United Church	(404) 552-8336	14,400
Cruise Street	(404) 892-6971	2400
Graffiti Online	(404) 972-4999	2400
Hotlanta Chatline	(404) 992-5345	9600
Hitchhiker	(404) 997-7899	2400
Compu-Link	(407) 856-0385	2400
Adonis BBS	(407) 881-8641	14,400
Compass Popints	(407) 966-4709	2400
ASI	(408) 248-0675	2400
Trex II	(408) 294-6969	2400
HTG/Outreach	(408) 374-6608	14,400
MEATing Place	(408) 926-6174	14,400
San Jose Connection	(408) 956-8819	14,400
Harbor Bytes	(410) 235-6753	14,400
RendezVous	(410) 876-5029	2400
Darrell's E-Mail	(412) 469-2595	2400
Shadow's Place	(412) 733-8484	2400
Toyshoppe	(413) 747-8459	14,400
Crossroads	(414) 282-0494	2400
C S P	(414) 289-0145	2400
Starcomm	(414) 873-6969	9600
Trex II	(415) 327-2194	2400
Wally World	(415) 349-6969	14,400
Studs	(415) 495-2929	14,400
Paradise	(415) 572-8263	2400
PC Bear's Lair	(415) 572-9626	2400
HTG/Outreach BBS	(415) 572-9594	14,400
AIDS Information	(415) 626-1246	2400
Eye Contact	(415) 703-8200	2400
Hopper's World	(415) 749-1254	2400
Backdoor	(415) 756-9587	2400
Station House	(415) 821-4273	2400
NoName (North)	(415) 826-9626	14,400
Bears Anonymous	(415) 863-8921	14,400
Fog City	(415) 863-9697	2400
Playmates	(415) 969-1056	1200
Connecting Point	(419) 255-4350	2400
Hot Pockets	(503) 232-2803	2400
1st Choice Comm. I	(503) 291-9815	14,400
Club Eugene	(503) 345-7988	14,400
Gase Support	(503) 786-0355	14,400
Leather Connection	(504) 454-0380	14,400
Minnesota Underground	(507) 835-8001	2400
Bit Bucket	(508) 892-7176	14,400
Big Board	(510) 247-1056	14,400
Night Creature	(510) 481-9774	14,400
TopHat	(512) 339-6268	14,400
C.D.S. BBS	(512) 887-0787	14,400
G/L/B Dayton	(513) 461-6000	2400
L'Entre Nous	(514) 478-4863	2400
S-TEK	(514) 597-2409	9600
Alternatives CBIS	(515) 285-1190	14,400
Grafix	(516) 689-2853	9600
Utopian	(516) 842-7518	2400
Magnolia Candlelight	(601) 939-5622	14,400
Neon Blue	(601) 329-3247	14,400
Kudzu Konnection	(601) 957-1259	14,400
Fire! & Ice Hotel	(602) 246-1317	14,400
Lavendar Ranch	(602) 967-1565	2400
Firestarter	(602) 970-4626	19,200
Petting Zoo	(602) 992-0019	2400
The Gay Exchange	(604) 540-7071	14,400
684-Play	(604) 684-7529	14,400
On the Town	(606) 252-6636	9600
La Dolce Vita	(609) 722-0499	14,400
Inferno	(609) 886-6(818)	9600
Locker Room	(610) 691-0491	14,400
Top City	(612) 225-1003	2400
Outlines	(612) 560-1870	9600
Green & Yellow	(612) 879-0313	14,400
Minnesota Info. Exch.	(612) 894-1642	9600
Pigpen	(613) 723-3143	2400
Cruise	(617) 254-3201	2400
SSS	(617) 383-2789	9600

The Den	(617) 662-6969	2400
Block Party	(617) 662-5445	2400
ANDROS	(619) 233-6253	14,400
Mushin	(619) 535-9580	14,400
Bear Com	(703) 525-5136	2400
GLIB	(703) 578-4542	14,400
Interlace	(703) 893-0470	2400
Split Images	(704) 637-6541	2400
HotRock's	(708) 260-1964	14,400
Scandel's	(708) 356-5633	14,400
Risqilly	(708) 495-6609	14,400
Metro	(708) 653-6467	2400
Yogi's Corner	(708) 895-0732	2400
Stargazer's	(713) 550-9243	14,400
PIC of D Town	(713) 961-5817	9600
Taboo Topics	(714) 240-8480	2400
ReSourse System	(714) 539-3894	2400
Waveline	(714) 563-9421	2400
Hotel Ziggy's	(714) 776-4230	14,400
Ziggy's Diner	(714) 776-4230	14,400
Butch's Board	(714) 891-2667	2400
Multicom 4 (Rochester)	(716) 473-4070	2400
Rendezvous	(716) 773-6224	2400
Boys Room	(717) 653-9621	9600
Connections!	(717) 795-9925	14,400
Night Stick	(718) 898-9195	14,400
The Backroom	(718) 951-8256	14,400
Vital Signs	(801) 255-8909	14,400
Magic Carpet	(801) 565-1216	9600
Hot Bauds	(801) 964-9560	9600
Capital Connection	(803) 926-9(810)	14,400
Reality, Ink.	(804) 750-1776	14,400
Tropical Night	(808) 623-0702	14,400
Sysops BBS	(810) 333-2352	14,400
Fountains Of Pleasure	(810) 348-7854	2400
501 Connection	(810) 463-4106	2400
Night People	(810) 569-1299	2400
Fly-By-Byte	(810) 779-6472	2400
g Force	(810) 852-2583	14,400
Beach Board	(813) 322-4950	2400
Beach Board	(813) 337-5480	2400
Sun-Surf-Sand Resort	(813) 486-8010	14,400
Lambda Unlimited	(813) 576-0656	14,400
Delos	(818) 242-2365	2400
Alternate Lifestyles	(818) 287-9285	9600
SM Board	(818) 508-6796	2400
Oracle I	(818) 509-9681	2400
Skinner Jack's	(818) 760-2147	2400
Board with No Name	(818) 785-3340	1200
Dial Your Match #1	(818) 842-6900	1200
Joystick	(818) 952-1311	14,400
Starchat	(818) 954-0790	2400
Secrets	(818) 960-5260	14,400
Personals	(901) 274-6713	14,400
Two's Company	(901) 680-9250	2400
Charles'	(904) 396-4931	9600
Triangle	(904) 737-6056	9600
Over the Rainbow	(904) 765-7999	14,400
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Connection	(905) 889-2563	14,400
The Underground	(908) 262-9666	2400
Isle-Net	(908) 495-6996	2400
Backroom II	(908) 758-1122	2400
Xonk's World	(908) 828-5008	14,400
gLiTcH	(908) 968-7883	9600
Male Exchange	(913) 362-6603	2400
Other Side of Mirror	(918) 838-7755	14,400

Before You Dial

Be aware that some bulletin boards require users to be at least 21 years old and may have verification procedures.

Test the number when you dial it for the first time on a telephone before 10 p.m. Bulletin boards come and go without much notice, and their modem numbers can be quickly re-assigned to residential phones. Let's not frighten or annoy anyone with strange modem noises in the night.

Be careful! While the vast majority of BBS users and sysops are fair, interesting and emotionally stable, there are some sickos who own a computer and a modem. Online Access/Chicago Fine Print, Inc. is not responsible for anything that happens to you, the user, as a result of calling any BBS number.

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Briefs

Online News

By Dana Humphrey

You can become a sysop in 24 hours according to David Wolfe, who is the author of the book **The BBS Construction Kit**. Wolfe, who is also a veteran sysop, introduces readers to the BBS explosion by giving them the tools to turn their PC into an operational BBS in one day. Readers will receive vital information on file transfers, modem speed selections, compression formats, off-line mail readers, and joining an echo net. Wolfe answers questions about how to verify the age of users, how to give a BBS a "personality," how to set up a fee structure, and what hardware and software to choose for specific types of BBSs. *The BBS Construction Kit* also comes with a disk containing ***Gap BBS*** software, a full-featured, BBS package. The 400-page paperback book and disk set costs $27.95 and is published by John Wiley & Sons, Inc. (ISBN: 0-471-00797-8)

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Another book aimed at would-be sysops, **Creating Successful Bulletin Board Systems** *walks readers through the entire process of creating a BBS, from deciding whether to start a BBS to finding users for their system. The author, Alan D. Bryant, is currently the director of marketing for eSoft, (creators of* **TBBS** *software). He has spoken to hundreds of sysops to learn what elements bring about BBS successes and failures. Included free with* Creating Successful Bulletin Board Systems *is a disk with a copy of* TBBS. *This bulletin board software allows readers to run up to two telephone lines on any IBM-compatible PC. The paperback book and disk set is priced at $39.95, and is published by Addison-Wesley Publishing Company (ISBN: 0-201-62668-3)*

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International Online Service, Inc. is building a computer network that will connect local bulletin boards to a national telephone network. Using packet-switched communications technology, International Online provides local-call access to the boards for users in 250 cities across the United States. Ten boards are currently available through the service; 36 additional boards will be added shortly. A new Windows front-end application lets users navigate the boards easily, finding their way from old favorites to exciting new ones. BBSs pay an installation fee, a monthly usage charge and monthly AutoNet network charges. For sysops interested in receiving pricing information and a start-up kit, call Len Mayers at (800) 827-8254, voice.

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Have an opinion on TBBS software? *Voice it on* ***CompuServe's IBM Bulletin Board Forum****, an area dedicated to discussions of the various issues that BBS sysops face. Here you'll find messages posted about BBS-related topics, including software, hardware, utilities, management, user Q/A's, and more. In addition, sysops can download files, such as BBS demonstrations, notices and listings.*

SYSOPS

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	Fidonet:	survey@1:133/1462
	Online Access BBS:	(404) 924-3665

You may also call the **Online Access BBS** to complete the survey online. From the main menu select **BBS Phone Book Questionnaire** by entering **D**. The survey questions will then follow.

The survey is also available online in electronic form from the file library **BBS Phone Book**. Download the file **survey.txt**. Completed electronic surveys may then be uploaded to the same directory.

If you are unable to obtain a survey from any of these methods, let us know. We will e-mail, fax or mail a survey to you!

Online Access BBS
Phone Book Survey

Phone Book Survey

1) Bulletin Board Name:
2) Number of Lines:
3) Modem Number : BPS Rate:
4) Second Modem Number: (Optional) BPS Rate:
5) BBS Software:
6) Sysop's Name:
(Sysop's name, address and phone number will not be published in Online Access Magazine.)
7) BBS Address:
8) City/State/Zip:
9) Voice Phone #:
10) Is this a free or subscription board? (Please circle one) Free or Subscription
(If users must pay to have permanent access to your board, we consider that to be a subscription board.)
11) Does your board give access to users under the age of 18? (Please circle one) Yes or No
12) Hours of Operation:
(If this is a 24-hour board, then write 24 hours. If not, then please state days and times of operation.)
13) Network Affiliation #1: (Such as Fidonet or RBBS-Net)
14) Network Affiliation #2:
15) Do you offer any Internet services?
16) The following is a list a general bulletin board categories. Please circle a maximum of five categories into which your BBS fits.

Adult (non-sexual)
Adult (sexual)
Arts & Crafts
Associations
Astrology
Astronomy & Space
Automobiles & Motorcycles
Aviation
Books & Literature
Business
Career & Professional
Chat
Christian
Community Issues
Computer Hardware
Computer Software
Computer-related Tech. Service
Current Events
Dating
Desktop Publishing
Education
Employment
Environmental
Family Issues
Family-oriented
Food
Games
Gay/Lesbian
Genealogy
General Interest
Graphics Files
HAM Radio
Handicapped
Health & Fitness
Hobbies
Home Construction & Repair
International
Internet
Investing
Kids Only
Labor Unions
Law & Legal issues
Local Information
Medical
Music
Occult & Paganism
Online Publications
Pets & Animals
Police & Safety
Politics
Religion
Science
Science Fiction
Self Help/Support Groups
Shareware
Shopping
Social Issues
Sports & Recreation
State & Local Government
Travel
U.S. Government

17) Please list three specific areas of interest that your board covers.
1. 2. 3.

18) Please write a brief paragraph (50 words or less) describing your bulletin board.

Please send to: Attn: BBS ONLINE ACCESS 900 N. Franklin #310, Chicago, IL 60610 FAX: (312) 573-0520

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Hughesville
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List Compiled	BBS	Compiler	Modem Number
Area Code 303	DLS InfoNet	Robin/Gerald McCarthy	(303) 347-2921
Area Code 307	Alpha Complex	Mark Bull	(307) 266-3758
Southern California	SOCAL Corner	Mike Heffernan	(310) 422-7942
Area Code 316	New World Info	Steve Meirowsky	(316) 262-1829
Area Code 401	Eagle's Nest	Mike Labbe	(401) 732-5292
Area Code 404	OaSIS	Jim McAnnaly	(404) 627-2662
Area Code 406	Valley Light	Jay Michalik	(406) 273-6399
Area Code 410	Sliver Streak	Brad Blase	(410) 683-0300
Area Code 412	Zuuls Catacomb	Chas Stokes II	(412) 264-9787
Area Code 414	Live Wire	Steve Totzke	(414) 747-2542
	ShadowComm	Mitchell Hein	(414) 452-3884
Area Code 504	The Southern Belle	Darrin Celino	(504) 455-9488
Area Code 512	City Limits	Dee Rubel	(512) 837-1297
Area Code 609	Praedo BBS	Wayne Morton	(609) 953-0769
Area Code 713	Atomic Cafe	Dave Wachenschwanz	(713) 530-8875
Area Code 816	Sound Advice	Roy Timberman	(816) 436-4516
Area Code 904	Tallhassee Online	Doug Ferrell	(904) 575-6156
Area Code 907	Alaska Pirate Society	Patti Frihse	(907) 248-9364
Area Code 918	Access America	Linda Hargraves	(918) 747-2542
AccessNet	The Access Network	Larry Miller	(518) 283-5716
AuthorsNet	AuthorsNet	Sandra Greenwood	(513) 848-4288
DoorNet	Starship Enterprise	Alex Rose	(407) 383-9820
Gay/Lesbain	Risquily	Billy Kennedy	(708) 495-6609
GlobalNet	GlobalNet HQ	Howard Sucher	(514) 487-7086
IGANet	Jack's Emporium	Jack Williams	(703) 373-8215
ILink	Software Society South	David Klein	(908) 777-7380
LionNet	LionNet	Glenda Beaty	(904) 377-6339
NovaWorld	InfoPort	James Barry	(303) 429-0291
MufoNet	Texas Star	Pete Theer	(512) 556-2524
Professional BBSs	Online Access BBS	Dennis Hauser	(404) 924-3665
Spitfire	Buffalo Creek	Mike/Anne Woltz	(515) 225-8496
WildNet	LSD Connection	Lee Fisher	(913) 642-9244
Technical Support	Digicom	Gary Barr	(812) 479-1310
W-Net	The Wright Place	Victor Volkman	(313) 663-4173
USPolNet	People Power BBS	Joe Ross	(914) 878-3112

Welcome to the **ONLINE ACCESS BBS Phone Book.** Each **ONLINE ACCESS BBS Edition** features a new and different set of modem numbers for you to dial up. Entries include, when available, subjects covered by the board, Internet access, network affiliations, BBS software, and, of course, the board's modem number, the city where it is located, and highest possible modem speed.

The entries for this issue were randomly selected from our database. (Sysops interested in having their bulletin board listed in the BBS Phone Book should see page 59 for further details.) There is no cost to being listed in the **BBS Phone Book.**

As a courtesy to others, please test all modem numbers on a telephone before attempting to log on for the first time, preferably before 10:00PM. Also, please be aware that some bulletin boards have age and content restrictions that are determined either by the sysop or state/local laws.

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1) Bulletin board name.
2) City where located, modem number, maximum bps rate.
3) Internet access (when available) - Internet access refers to a variety of services, from e-mail to ftp. Contact the sysop for details about specifics.
4) Network affiliations and (BBS software).
5) If the board has a subscription fee, it says "Pay". If not, it says "Free". Most boards, whether subscription or not, will let you browse for free.
6) Subjects and areas of interest in which the board specializes in.

BBS PHONE BOOK

New Jersey

201

221-B Baker Street
Nutley (201) 661-2690
2,400 (PCBoard)

Acid Dreams BBS
Ramsey (201) 825-7310
14,400 (Amiga)

Boss BBS, The
Tenafly (201) 568-7293
9,600 (PCBoard)

Chuck's Attempt
Sparta (201) 729-2602
2,400 (PCBoard)
Deaf-aids, Information, Conferences

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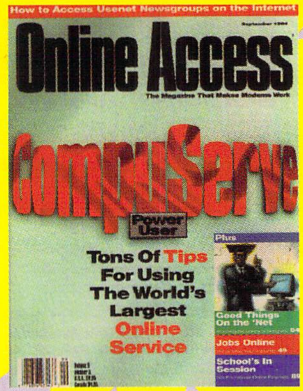
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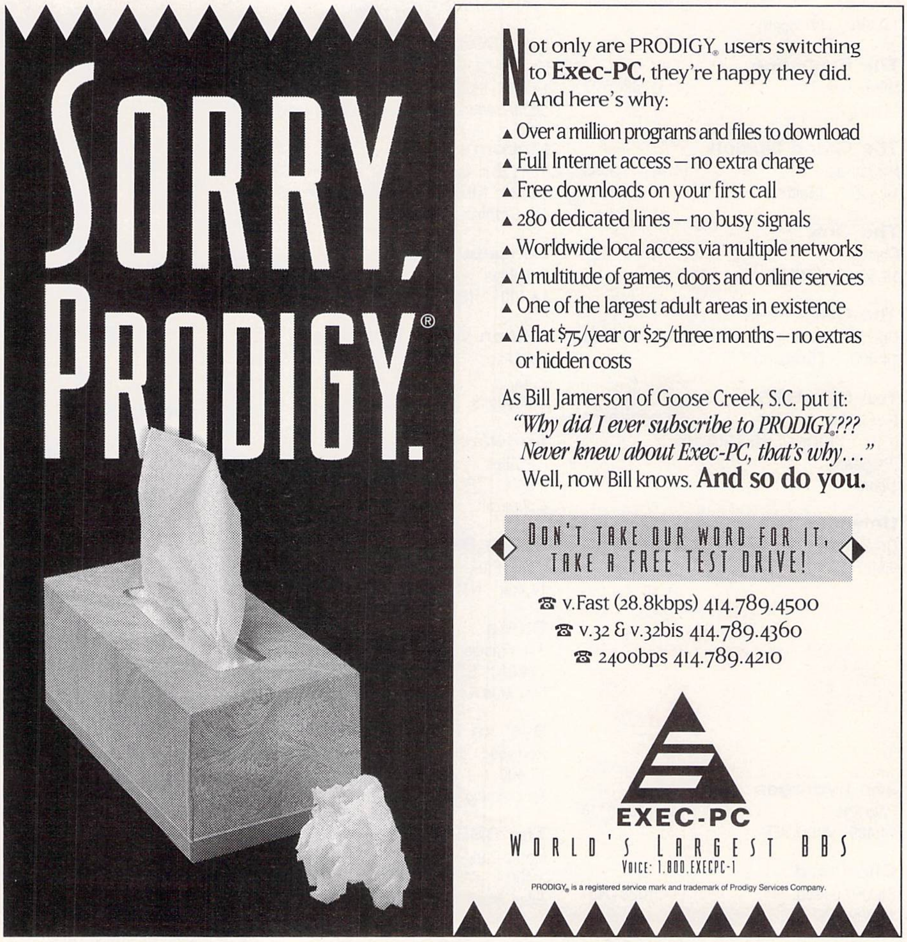

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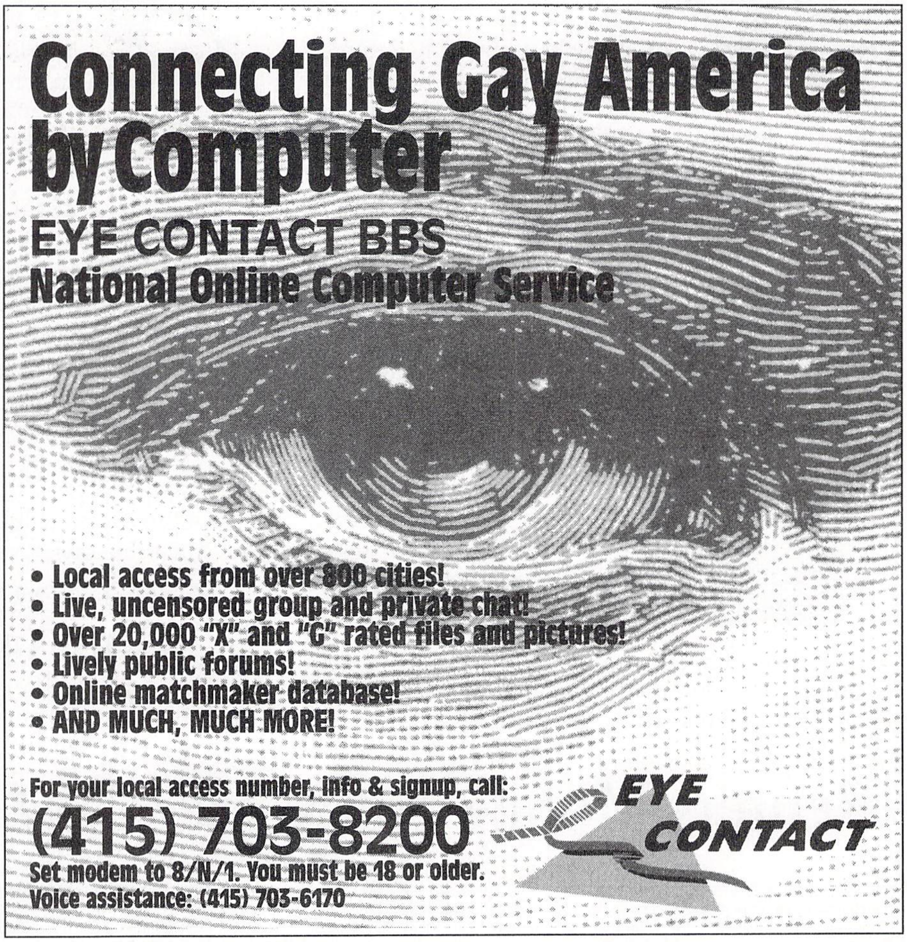

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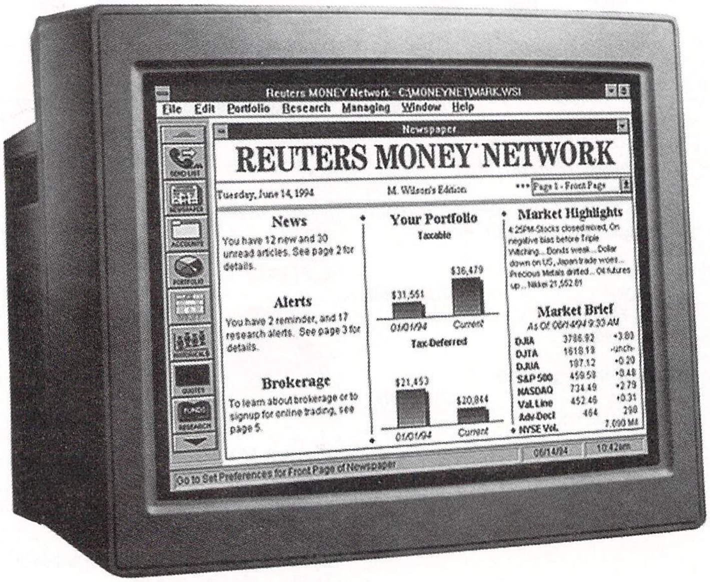
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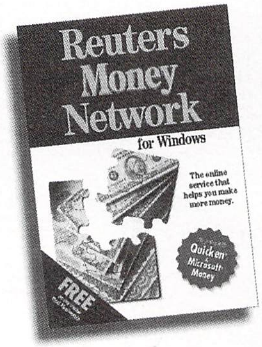

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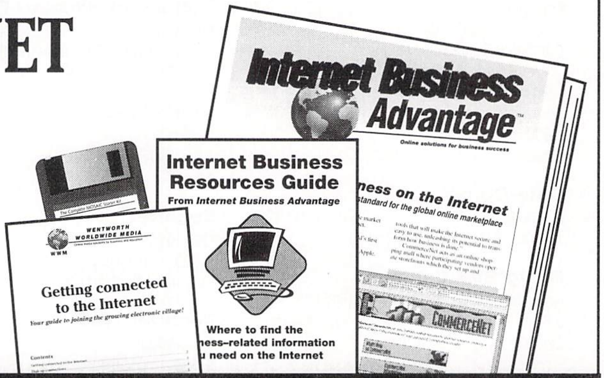
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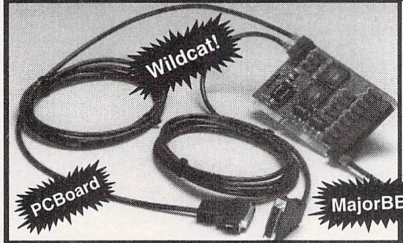

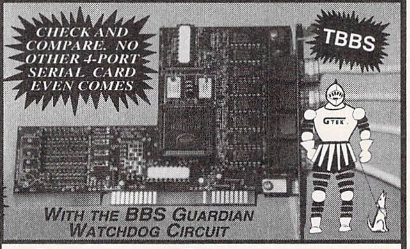
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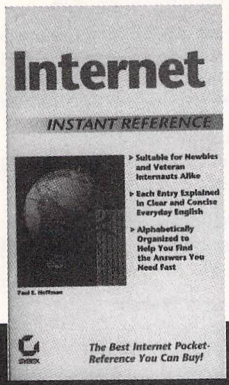
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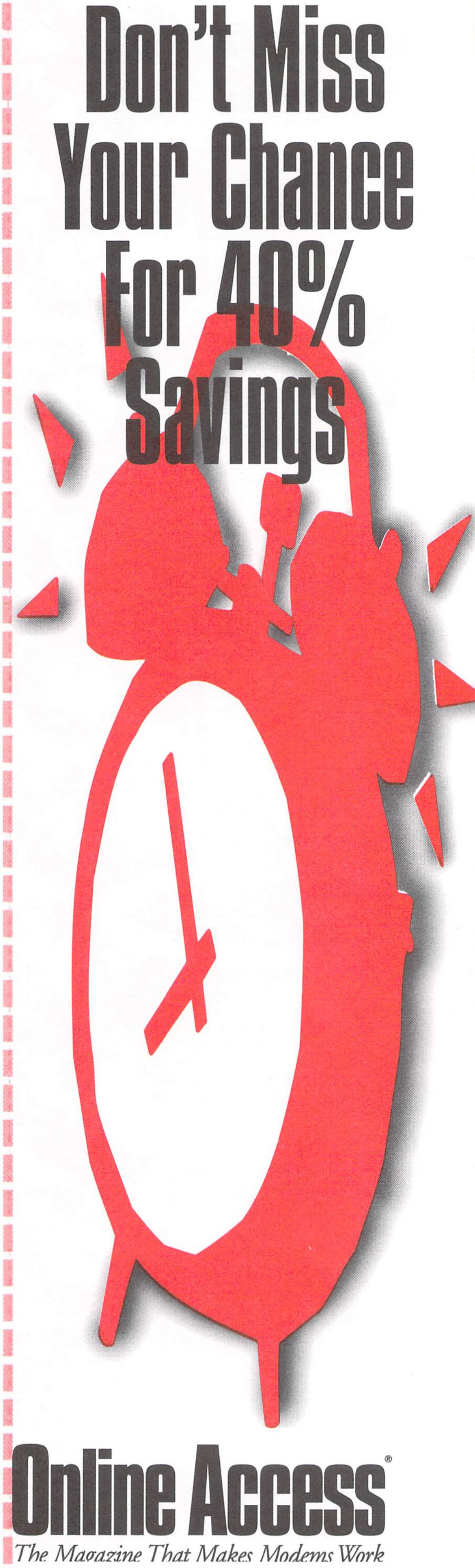
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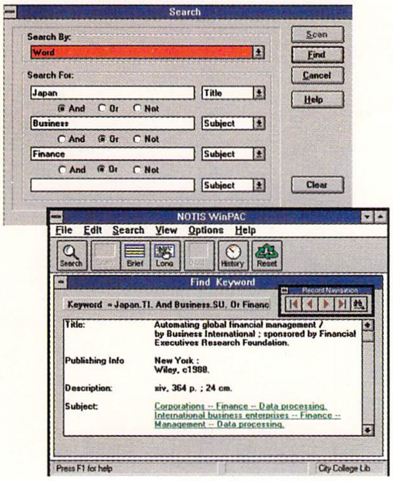

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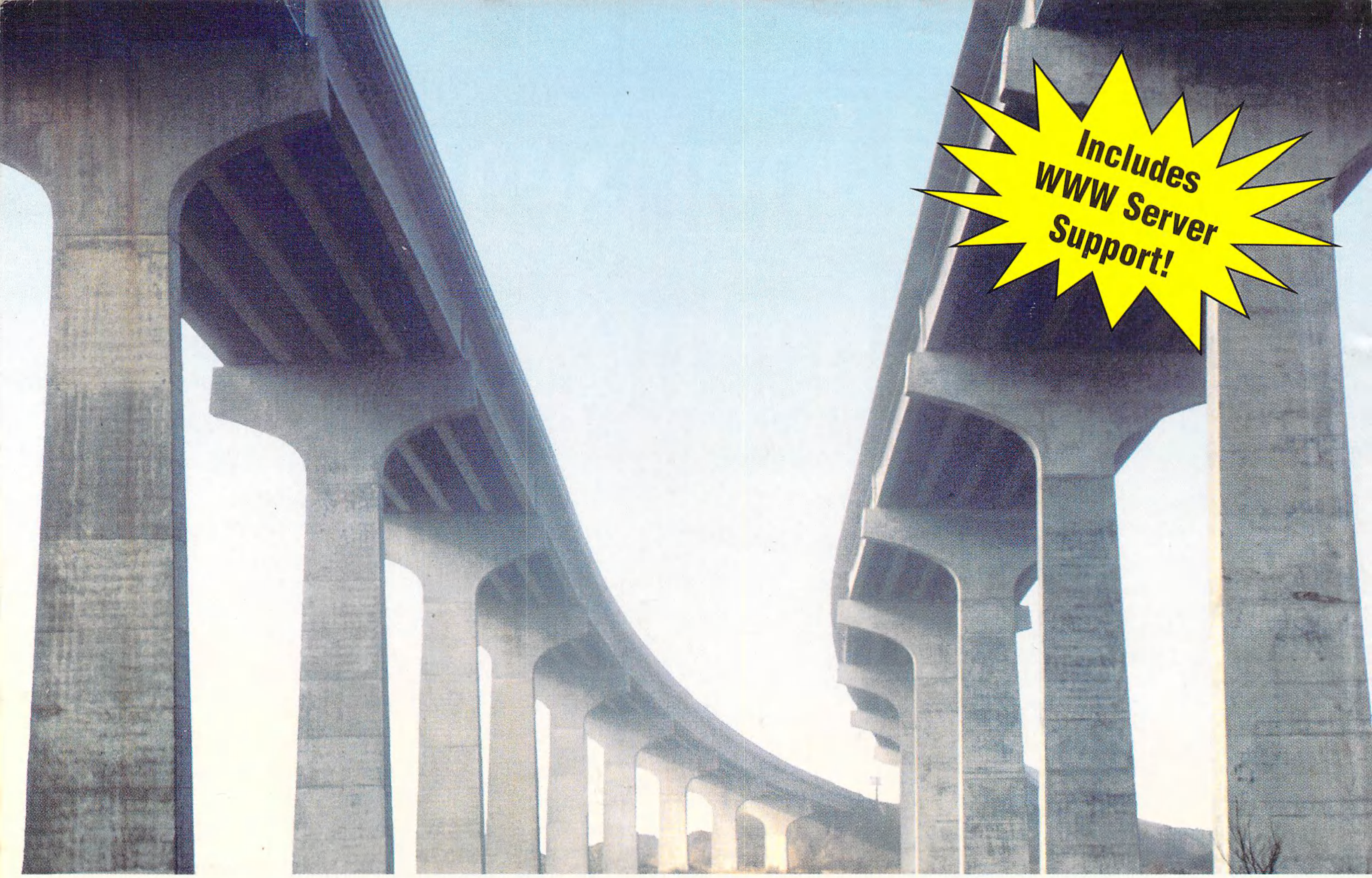

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